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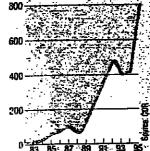
# Lethal bug in apple

The deadly E-coli bacterium which last week killed five people in the Scottish food poisoning epidemic can be spread by milk and apple juice as well as by meat, according to government scientists

The Independent has learned that two elderly women died and 12 others were struck down last year in a similar outbreak, which was kept secret.

Scientists have started an investigation into the rising num-ber of cases of E-coli 0157 food poisoning. Researchers from the Public Health Laboratory Service (PHLS), part of the Department of Health, said that Ecoli was being passed on by an increasing number of products, including milk and potatoes, but that the scientists had little un lerstanding of how cross-

Rise of E-coli cases



contamination occurred. British cases of E-coli 0157 have risen from 53 in 1985 to 1,046 last year. Yesterday a Scottish hospital which is treating the bulk of the 282 victims of the latest E-coli epidemic said it was swamped

and had closed its doors to nonemergency patients. A previous outbreak, in Sunderland, Type and Wear, in Au-

gust last year, was not made public at the time because the Government was already trying to alleviate fears over the safety of beef in the BSE scare. Favid Tregoning consultant in public-health medicine at Sunderland Health Authority,

said that the source of the poisoning was quickly pinpointed to one Sunderland butcher's shop and there had been no need to go public. "The infection was concentrated on a fairly small area," he said. The butcher at the centre of the scare was closed for an en-

vironmental health inspection but, on the advice of local authority scientists, no prosecution was brought.

Mr Tregoning said that the infection was likely to have been ers linked to the food poisoning

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He added that public health officials were becoming increasingly concerned at the variety of food products acting as a vehicle for the E-coli bacterium, which was previously cles for transmission than pre-

"We have seen a number of recent cases of cross contamination to ham and sausage. In the US it has been found in apple juice; in Sheffield it was from Japan of it being found in sprouting radishes. Just how the cross-contamination occurs we do not know."

the types of products that acted

Meanwhile, scientists in America and Canada have traced an outbreak of E-coli 0157, which struck down 45 people last month, to a supply of

57 people - 48 adults and nine children - being treated in hospitals throughout Scotland. Nearly 1,000 people have con-tacted a helpline set up to deal

spread by mis-handling of meat,

and that a quantity of cold-meat stock had been destroyed. private legal actions against

thought to be contained only in under-cooked beef. "We are seeing a wider number of vehiviously suspected," he said.

The PHLS study, which began in May, was set up to identify the risk factors of E-coli 0157, and as vehicles. The research was ordered by the Department of Health after concern that there had been 28 major outbreaks of E-coli 0157 since 1992 and 17 of them had resulted from foodborne transmission.

The bacterium had been carried by raw potatoes, milk and yoghurt as well as turkey-roll sandwiches and the minced beef products which were commonly regarded as the likely source. It is also spread by contact with animals.

unpasteurised apple juice.
In Scotland, the Monklands
Hospital in Airdrie, Lanarkshire, has taken on an extra 12

nurses to deal with 32 adults and one child who are being treated in the hospital for illness caused by the food bug. The epidemic, which has been linked to a butcher in Wishaw, Lanarkshire, has led to

with the concerns of the public. In Parliament yesterday, Michael Forsyth, the Secretary of State for Scotland, denied he

had misled the Commons over the epidemic, and repeated his assertion that it had been a decision by the local authority, North Lanarkshire Council and not the Scottish Office - not to release a list of food suppli-

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**Barrie Clement** Labour Editor

London Underground services came within a whisker of a shutdown by maintenance workers keen to protect their inalienable right to a cappuccino break.

The tastes of the British worker seem to have moved on since the 1960s. In those coffee, not fruit juice and certainly not fizzy water. The tea was brewed in a white enamel can. Sweet, bot, dark and barely liquid. Now the white cans are long gone and the quaint habit of tea drinking is increasingly

associated with the more senior shopfloor

sation of a whole range of hot beverages. The workforce turned up its collective nose at the tea available from new machines installed a month ago which was regarded days the working man would defend the as more axle grease than Assam. Instead they took to the milk-based beverages: some they took to the milk-based beverages: some to hot chocolate, but most to cappuccino.

1993, the 600 workers at London Under-

ground's Acton works finally relinquished

their twice-a-day 20 minute tea break. Tube

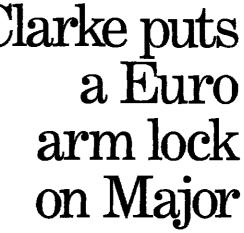
management agreed that in return they would instal machines for the free dispen-

Keen to save money, however, management withdrew the milk-based cappuctino and hot chocolate options, leaving tea and ordinary coffee. London Underground yesterday however said it wasn't their fault. operatives. As part of a productivity deal in Thibe management were paying 4 to 5p a

cup, but caterers complained that milk-based drinks were costing them 18p to produce. Within days the whole plant was threatened with a strike by shop stewards assailed by colleagues itching to walk out unless the

cappuccino option" was reinstated. Officials from the RMT transport union were called to the plant last week and left in no doubt by their members that they would strike unless the "status quo" was re-established. Tube managers then caved

in and cappuccino is now back on tap. Jimmy Knapp, the tea-drinking general secretary of the RMT said: "I've no doubt that board members have a good selection of teas and coffees at board meetings and my members deserve nothing less." Leading article, page 13



London Sarah Helm

Kenneth Clarke yesterday put a political armiock on No 10, blocking any attempt by the Prime Minister to jettison the Tories' wait-andsee policy on the European single currency.

Repudiating repeated re-ports that John Major was tempted to rule out British participation in the first wave of the single currency for the lifetime of a new Parliament, the Chancellor of the Exchequer made it crystal clear that his po-sition would become untenable if that happened.
"I don't believe that for one

moment anything of that kind is being contemplated," he told BBC radio's *Today* programme.

Even the most diehard Con-servative opponents of a single currency conceded last night that Mr Clarke's words closed off their escape route from a single currency. Mr Clarke would be unable to remain as Chancellor defending a "senseless" policy in an election campaign and Mr Major would risk splitting his party wide open if he forced his Chancellor to resign.

That one word from the Chancellor, "senseless", has turned private threats into a public ultimatum. The Government's present policy on the single currency - that a deprecise terms of membership are known - has been designed to keep both sides of the Conservative Party together.

The policy was reaffirmed by Mr Major during the Conservative Party conference in October, and Michael Heseltine, the deputy prime minister, said only on Sunday that there would be no change in the standing policy agreement.

In spite of that the Eurocarried a front-page report say-ing that Mr Major had the back-ing of 18 of 22 Cabinet members for an "historic policy shift in favour of fighting the election on a pledge to keep the pound".

A senior Conservative Cen tral Office source told The Independent last night that he "did not recognise" the Telegraph story. That tends to con-firm the widespread Whitehall suspicion that Mr Major's own political staff is sending out sig-nals in an attempt to weaken Mr Clarke's will to resist.

If that is the case, the terms of his Radio 4 reply should be enough to convince No 10 that it has lost the unequal struggle.

The Daily Telegraph is owned and edited by people who hold extremely anti-European views," Mr Clarke said from Brussels.

"The Prime Minister and I were on the platform together at the party conference about six weeks ago uniting our party around a sensible policy... The idea that six weeks later we are all talking about changing it is quite preposterous in my view."
The Chancellor, who will wind

up tonight's Budget debate in the latest bout of Euro-scepticism as he met fellow finance ministers in Brussels for a meeting to discuss rules and fines for the single currency, under the so-called "stability pact". The pact, pro-posed by Germany, envisages a system of strict fines for countries which over-spend after the launch of the Euro.

An ICM poll for the

Guardian last night showed that Labour had increased its lead over the Conservatives to 19 percentage points, putting Labour on 50 per cent (up three points), the Tories on 31 per cent (down three points). and the Liberal Democrats on 15 per cent (no change). Euro strikes fear, page 13

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force to end two weeks of street unrest in Belgrade. Page 11 French defy fish ban Ten French tishing boats defied a British ban and entered a The Tabloid restricted area of Channel Island waters. Fisheries inspectors Media . . . . . . . . . . . . 14,15

# The case for saying yes to Finnish industry

That old tart John Marshall, the Tory member for Hendon South, does not have to be seduced by the whips to ask tame questions to ministers - he is quite happy to perform the act unpaid. So his usual contribution to Scots or Welsh auestions is to table query such as this: "To ask the Secretary of State if he will make a statement about recent projects relating to inward investment in Wales":-His oral supplementary will invariably consist of an invitation to the minister to contrast the present massive drive by everyone in the Far East to set up factories in Wales, with the economic devastation likely to follow in the wake of a minimum wage, adherence to the social



Until the Welsh get Hollywood billing, no one is going to take their Assembly seriously. Least of all themselves.

Assembly.
So it was yesterday –
though Mr Marshall managed a final rhetorical flourish. Would the minister "confirm to Finnish industrialists that they are welcome in Wales, even if Finnish nurses are not welcome in Hackney". Experienced drivers will tell you that it is possible, given the state of roadworks on the North Circular, to take a wrong turn and end up in the Principality. Even so, one ondered where Mr Marshall's breezy confidence about the Welsh actually

By chance Lady Olga Maitland (Con, Sutton and Cheam) had almost exactly the same question as Mr Marshall, though her

practically see Wales from his stately home. And Geoffrey knows what true democracy similar geographical position relative to the inner ring road as Mr Marshall's, save that it is. So could be congratulate is south of the Thames. At the minister on taking the Welsh Grand Committee least Robert Hughes (Con, Harrow West) has the name around Wales, and "actually for it, but he wanted to ask bringing government closer to about a Welsh Assembly which would be "a financial the people"?
Intrigued, I phoned the
Welsh Office. Where had it disaster for Wales". (Having stood outside the Catalan been? Where was it going? Perhaps it would be hosted in

Assembly in Barcelona - the most vibrant city in Europe -and seen the well-heeled the castles of Wales, from Kidwelly in the south to Chirk in the North? Er, no. It had matrons dance the *sàrdanha*, met at Cardiff, would meet I do not quite comprehend next in London, there had the connection some MPs make between devolution and been some thoughts about economic collapse.)
Compared with his Carmarthen, and Bangor colleagues, Geoffrey Clifton-

Brown (Cirencester and

Tewkesbury) is positively

might be nice.
So my question is this: why do the Welsh put up with it?
This is, after all, the nation of Lilewellyn ap Grufydd, Owen Glendwyr, of the red dragon on the green hill, of the Men of Hariech. Wales has its burned villages, ravished maidens and pillaged churches, its heroes and traitors, its woad and pike rebellions. And yet Mel

Gibson will not painfully be shaping the accents of Old North Wales around the vowels of New South Wales. They won't be packing the Monico cinema in Rhiwbina to see the forebears of Mr Marshall and Lady Olga stagger around with pieces of Celtic ironware protrucing

from their bodies. They must rectify this. For until the Welsh do get proper Hollywood billing, no one is going to take them and their Assembly seriously. Least of

#### significant shorts

#### Surgeon steps Couple's down over deaths inquiry horror

The work of a distinguished heart surgeon is being investigated after the trust he works for was criticised for having above-average paediatric cardiac deaths, it was announced yesterday.

James Wisheart has voluntarily stepped down from clinical duties and from his post as medical director of the United Bristol Healthcare NHS Trust in order to co-operate with the ndependent review.

The decision followed two years of controversy at the Bristol Royal Infirmary where Mr Wisheart was an influential member of the cardiac unit using a pioneering technique to operate on babies.

But the operations were later halted after an internal audit revealed higher-thanaverage number of deaths among children between 1990 and 1995.

An internal review revealed friction among senior staff and a subsequent inquiry has now decided that although case notes show deaths were average, Mr Wisheart's performance will be investigated by a panel of experts. Louise Jury

#### Labour cap for Camelot

Labour would cap Camelot's £1m-a-week profits from the National Lottery, but Richard Branson and his

The millionaire businessman is keen to win the right to take over the running of the lottery with a non-profit-making consortium from the current organisers, Camelot, which has been criticised for making excessive profits.

Labour yesterday said it remains committed to allowing a non-profit-making organisation to take over, but senior sources told The \_Independent that another organisation, such as Virgin, could only take over the contract from Camelot, if their costs were lower.

Labour would also require Camelot to hand the £6m a year interest on unclaimed prizes to the good causes.

Colin Brown

#### Girls given two years for

manslaughter Two schoolgirls were ordered to serve two years' detention

after admitting kicking a 13-

year-old girl to death. The two girls, then aged 12 and 13, each kicked Louise Allen once to the head in the incident at a fairground in Corby, Northamptonshire in April, Nottingham Crown Court was told. There had been a number of violent fights at the fair in the previous week, including one involving both the

defendants. At an earlier hearing the pair, who cannot be named for legal reasons, admitted manslaughter.

Yesterday they stood impassively as Mr Justice Hidden told them: "It was wicked violence and it resulted in the totally unnecessary death of that young girl."

The sentence was greeted with anger by Louise's family and by the police with "extreme disappointment".

# honeymoon of

A couple who married after meeting in a mental hospital kidnapped and attempted to murder a taxi driver and then snatched a six-year-old boy in a "honeymoon" of horror, a

court heard yesterday.

Douglas Byelong, 56, and
his wife Julie, 26, admitted at Winchester Crown Court the kidnap and attempted murder of Mark Slater, an offence of affray and the

icidnap of the boy. Mr Justice Mantell made an interim hospital order against Julie Byelong who absconded from the Whittingham Hospital near Preston. Byelong, who had been released into care in the community, will go to Broadmoor.

Mr Richard Onslov prosecuting, described how, armed with knives, the couple then kidnapped and stabbed a taxi driver in Petersfield, Hampshire, killed bne gob a namow r kidnapped a terrified six year old boy who had been playing on his bike outside a public

#### Council pays for coining it

A council and Europe's largest private mint yesterday escaped with paying costs of £250 after admitting breach-ing British coinage law by introducing a curo-style coin.
Isle of Wight Council, which
had 12,000 tokens minted last
year to raise funds for chari-Richard Branson and the Virgin company are unlikely to win control of the lottery if ton, Surrey, were given an absolute discharge by a absolute discharge by a ty, and Pobjoy Mint of Sutstipendary magistrate in Newport. The Treasury said the tokens breached an 1812 coinage law, because they displayed a £2 value.

#### Eigg bids again for island

The Hebridean island of Eigg was last night back up for sale after its owner turned down a bid its inhabitants. However, islanders said they would continue with their attempts to raise money and end what they see as years of misery at the hands of absen-

tee landiords. The owner, Marlin Eckhard Maruma, a German artist, is sking for £2m. Another offer was also turned down and the island is now back on the market.

However, a statement from the firm said: "... Mr Eckhard Maruma has agreed to leave the island on the market to enable those who offered, and anybody else who might also wish to do so, more time to raise the necessary funds to meet the asking price of £2m."

#### Drink gang boss jailed

A man described by a judge as the "executive director" in a multi-million pound alcohol bootlegging operation was jailed for five years yesterday. Anthony Spencer, 38, whose gang was known as The Libyans, was convicted at Maidstone Crown Court of evading duty between April and December 1994, during which about £4m worth of. goods was brought in through Dover. The loss to the tot-payer was around £2m. Judge David Croft, QC, was told that Spencer had assets to cover costs totalling

#### £700.000.

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#### A student, Helen Sutton, being inoculated yesterday at Cardiff University 1,000 vaccinated after two die of meningitis

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IT'S NOT WHAT YOU EXPECT.

The parents of two teenage stu-dents who died in the Cardiff meningitis outbreak paid tribute to their daughters last night as William Hague, the Secretary of State for Wales, told MPs that "all possible means" were being used to contain the outbreak. The deaths of Ann-Marie Connor, 19, a first-year law student of London, and Samantha Milroy, a first-year phar-macy student of Stockport,

Greater Manchester, left tutors and fellow undergraduates at the University College of Wales, Cardiff "devastated".

More than 1,000 students, university staff and visiting par-ents have been inoculated against

get figure for immunisation had been reached, although they were still trying to trace 30 or 40 students who shared the same accommodation block as the five confirmed cases.

Ms O'Connor, 19, an only child, was a prize-winning pub-lic speaker and was described by Professor Robert Lee, head of Cardiff law school, as extremely bright and capable. "She bad. an outstanding future ahead of her," he said.

Her mother called her "a high achiever in everything she did", and added: "She was popular and had lots of friends and

made many more at Cardiff." In a statement, Ms Milroy's parents said: "We are proud of our daughter and all she

that over 90 per cent of their tar-get figure for immunisation had ories of us together ... This is our and Samantha's tragedy. There is no point trying to look for any reason in it. There is none."

Dr Keith Brain, Ms Milroy's tutor, said: "Her death has been devastating news to academic and administrative staff and her fellow students."

Yesterday 32 people were admitted to the University of Wales Hospital, with a variety of symptoms. Eight were due to be discharged later yesterday evening. None was regarded as

having meningitis.
Dr Bill Smith, public-health director of the Bro Taf Health Authority, stressed that no new cases of meningococcal infection had been confirmed and added that the cause of the outbreak achieved in her short life. All we had yet to be determined.

coccal strain of the disease which killed the two women, remained critically ill in intensive care. Two others continued to make good progress Mr Hague told MPs that de-tailed information about the

In another part of the hos-

pital a 20-year-old male student,

who has the type C meningo-

epidemic would only be available when the results of medical tests were known, which might take several weeks. "I intend to await the report from the health authority on the out-break before deciding whether to undertake any further inquiry," he said.

The students' union was extending its telephone hot line into a 24-hour service. Around 1,700 calls had already been received by yesterday evening.

# Students face spectre of il

The shadow cast in yesterday's winter sunshine by the 10-storey tower block dominating Cyncoed, one of Cardiff's leafiest districts, seemed longer than usual. For 770 residents of University Hall, which has the tower block at its heart, the meningitis outbreak dominated student life.

Students - there are 13,000 in Cardiff - continued to attend lectures throughout the city. They presented a mixed response to what they saw as a widespread predicament. Christopher Leech, a medical student, seemed relaxed. "Naturally, everyone is ... extremely worried but the authorities ap-pear to be acting very effi-

ciently" he said as went to con-sult his GP. "I've got a heavy cold" he said.

John, a Gibraltarian who declined to give his surname, and who is studying accountancy, said: "Of course there was a bit of panic to start with. But I feel confident now and I expect to be back on the Rock for my 20th birthday on 31 December."
The outbreak has trapped a

number of visitors to the hall. Alka Shah arrived on Friday from Keele University, where she is reading management studies. "There's a lot of real stress - after all, two students have died. I just don't know how long it will be before I can get back to my studies," she said.

Students at a campus about half a mile away said they were baffled, because although they shared facilities with students at University Hall, they appeared to have received little attention. Nicola Kirkpatrick, a physi-

cal-education student from Wrexham, North Wales, said: "Some of us play hockey with students from the hall, use the same changing-rooms and showers."

Fellow students Annie Petherick and Lorraine Kiamtia concurred. Ms Kiamtia, who comes from Mauritius, was dismissive: "Leaflets explaining about the illness have been left for us to pick up, and that's

Rhodri Morgan, MP for Cardiff West and Labour's Welsh health spokesman, said there were questions demanding urgent answers. On BBC Radio Wales he said: "There was a case five weeks ago which was said to be completely unrelated to the recent ones. Can that really be true? It occurred in the same hall of residence."

And he asked whether the university authorities had made sufficient attempts to persuade students to stay put over the weekend. About 150 are understood to have left for the weekend on Friday night. By early afternoon yesterday most had reported back and had

# Victim of road rage stabbed 15 times

Charlie Bain

Police were yesterday hunting a road-rage killer who inflicted at least 15 stab wounds on a 25year-old motorist, cutting his throat and leaving him for dead in a quiet country lane in Worcestershire.

Lee Harvey, 25. from Alvechurch, Worcestershire, suffered at least 15 stab wounds and died in front of his helpless

girlfriend Tracey Andrews, 28. The attack happened when the couple were driving down a de-serted lane in the Alvechurch area late on Sunday night.

Ms Andrews, a mother of one, also from Alvechurch, witnessed the attack and suffered minor head injuries. She was being comforted by her parents in the village last night and did not wish to comment. Detective Superintendent

for the killer, said the couple were travelling home after a night out at a pub in Bromsgrove in Mr Harvey's white Ford Escort, when he over-took another vehicle. It aptook another vehicle. It appeared that the other car, and linked to the overtaking mabelieved to be an F-reg darkcoloured Ford Sierra in a tatty condition, overtook Mr Harvey's car on the single track

lan Johnston, leading the hunt

ground to a halt. Mr Johnston said: "An altercation took place between the two drivers. It was one of those sort of rows where there was some finger pointing and gesturing. It appears the ar-

nocurre that had occurred. "The driver of the other vehicle returned to his car and as he did so a passenger got out vey's car on the single track he did so a passenger got out was a white male, aged 25-26, country lane and both vehicles and approached Mr Harvey. Mr around 5ft 9ins to 6ft tall, very

Harvey was on his way back to his car but didn't get there." He added: "I would like to

appeal to the driver of the vebicle, that if he had nothing at all to do with this assault, if it was upplanned and on the spur of the moment, for him to come forward and put the

record straight." Police said the passenger overweight and wearing a dark-coloured donkey jacket. The driver was a white male, around 18 or 19, with very short dark hair, 5ft 6ins to 5ft 8ins tall, slim. with a very young face.
The murder is the second

road-rage stabbing this year, fol-lowing the death in May of Stephen Cameron, 21, during an argument with a motorist on a slip road off the M25 junction at Swanley, Kent.

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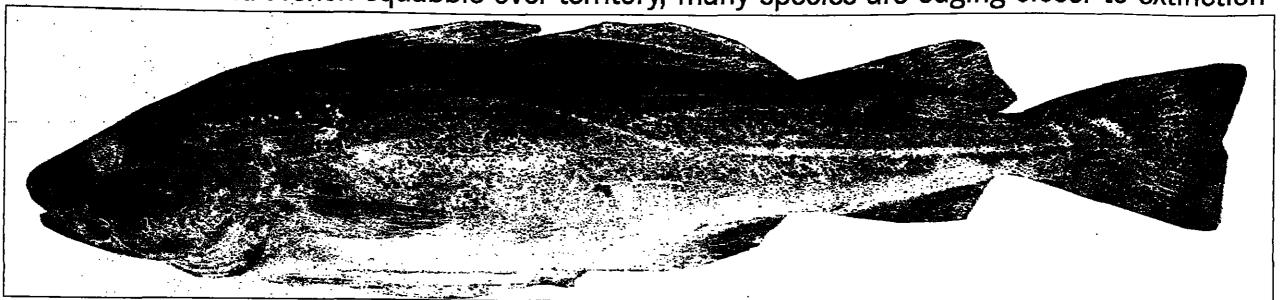
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Facing stock collapse: The cod is the most threatened and largest of the main commercial species in British waters. Since a peak of more than 300,000 tonnes in 1992, the North Sea catch has fallen to one-third of that level

#### Nicholas Schoon Environment Correspondent

The fishing industry never feels festive at this time of year. It feels tense. For this is the season when the European Union gears itself up to decide how much the continent's fishermen can catch in the seas around Britain.

The process began last month, with scientific advice on the state of the stocks from a body called the International Council for the Exploration of the Seas (ICES). As usual the advice was gloomy, pointing out that several of the most commercially important species such as cod are at a dangerously

The process will end in a long, frantic night of horse-trading in Brussels in just over a fortnight, when EU fisheries ministers sort out the final quotas. Based on past experience, they will bow to pressure from their fishing industries and allocate larger catches to their fleets than the

scientists say is prudent. And so, for another year, across the broad and shallow waters of Western Europe's continental shelf, fishermen risk a dramatic collapse in a species such as cod to the point their nets. That would ruin tens of thousands of livelihoods, thousands of them in Britain.

The industry receives this warning each year. It is getting louder, because environmental groups now consider over-fishing in the North Sea a major

The fishermen know that they catch and kill many more fish than their quotas allow. Huge quantities are thrown back into the sea, dead, because they are illegally small or the wrong kind; having caught their quota of one species, the fishermen go for another, but find the first species in their nets.

Apart from discards, there is

3 substantial but completely unknown quantity of "black fish" - species which are overquota or for which boats have no licence, which are landed in the dead of night at ports

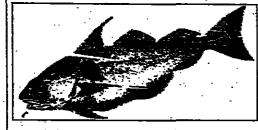
around Europe, some in Britain.
The industry also knows stock collapses are a reality. It happened to North Sea herring and mackerel in the 1970s, and by 1978 an annual herring catch which had stood at more than 7(10,000 tons eight years earlier had fallen to nothing. Herring stocks recovered in the North Sea; mackerel has not.

Yet the fishermen know their prey are still out there in large numbers, and question the sci-entists' advice. Some believe the experts exaggerate the threat, knowing that bargaining over the quotas will inevitably reduce

the cuts they suggest.

The cod is generally thought to be most at risk. It does not reach sexual maturity until the age of four, but the great majority in the North Sea and Western Approaches are caught before then. The national fish-





wrapped in newspaper, in the nation's chippies. It, too, lives on the seabed where it eats crabs and invertebrates. Smaller than cod, it reaches sexual maturity at three years old. It can grow up to 70 cms but rarely escapes trawler nets for long enough to do so. PLAICE: Not the priniest of the fi but the most abundant and commercial-

ty important. North Sea stocks have

been declining through over-fishing, and

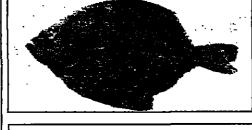
are judged by scientists to be in danger

by fishing each year. The fish reaches sexual maturity at about three years, and

of collapse - about 40 per cent are killed

HADDOCK: A close relative of the cod

and just as popular, battered up and



in 15 years can grow to 75cm. HERRING: A pelagic fish, swimming well above the sea bed and eating plankton. Grows to about 40cm in 10 years. Beloved by the British as kippers, hundreds of thousands of tonnes are caught each year in the North Sea to be made into oils and animal feeds. Stock

collapsed spectacularly in the 1970s,

and is in danger of doing so again.



MACKEREL: Another oily, pelagic fish which grows slightly larger than the herring. Huge quantities are caught for in an "industrial fishery" and processed in factories for oil and animal feed. Stocks in the North Sea collapsed in the 1970s and never recovered, but the quantities taken from waters further out to the west are rising.

eries scientists gathered under ICES say the number of mature cod - the adults which must breed to produce future generations - is just over half the "minimum biological acceptable level" – below which the risk of stock collapse starts to escalate. "The stock is considered to

be outside safe biological limits," says the ICES report. It recommends a 20 per cent cut in catches, which it judges would have a 95 per cent chance of bringing cod stocks back to a healthy level within a few years. It points out that such a cut is unlikely to be achieved sim-

threatened fish are caught by trawlermen pursuing "mixed

of haddock and whiting. Stocks of North Sea haddock are also judged to be below the minimum biological acceptable level", and so are several other species. They include the North Sea herring, which is once again in danger, having recovered from its spectacular collapse in the 1970s.

Ideally, what is needed for all these threatened stocks is a serious, sustained laying-off of fishing. That would allow the number of breeding adults to reply by reducing the cod quota, cover to a level where more fish because large numbers of the could probably be caught each

year than are taken now EU governments seem highly unlikely to come up with the massive sums in compensation which fishermen would demand in return. And so the danger and the depletion continue.

Like his colleagues from oth-

er nations, the UK fisheries minister. Tony Baldry, is under pressure to reject any big quota cuts. "The Government will be particularly concerned whenever possible to avoid excessive year-on-year changes in quotas in order to avoid unnecessary dislocation in the fishing industry. he said. But a collapse, if it comes, would be the ultimate dislocation

# Home groans as Abbey sets the rate ball rolling

Clifford German

Morigage rates are moving up-wards across the board, with four lenders raising rates yesterday. They were led by Abbey National, which confirmed an increase in its standard mortmercase in loans of less than gage rate for loans of less than f60,000 from 7.04 per cent to 7.20 per cent, effective immediately for existing borrowers and with effect from 18 December for new customers.

Abbey National's announcement follows moves by the Nament tonows the Na-tionwide and Birmingham Midshires, which raised stan-Midsimos immediately after the increase in base rates last But the Nationwide.

from only 6.74 per cent to 6.99 per cent and was only catching up with the market.

Abbey National was already one of the dearer lenders and its decision to increase rates for the first time in two years breaks Officially the market leader,

the Halifax Building Society, says it will wait until the next meeting of the Chancellor and the Governor of the Bank of England on 11 December, when they discuss base rates, before deciding whether to raise its rates, and by how much. But the Abbey National's decision is already putting pres-

yesterday increased its privilege rate for established borrowers to 6.50 per cent and its standard variable rate for new and recent borrowers to 7.25 per cent, both increases of 0.26 per cent

effective from 1 January. Some lenders are already anticipating a further rise in base rates from 6 per cent to 6.25 per cent next week. Northem Rock vesterday raised its privilege rate for established borrowers to 6.99 per cent and its standard rate to 7.49 per cent with effect from 1 January. Both rates are going up by 0.5

Mortgage rates are being in-

the largest of the committed sure on the smaller societies. creased to pay for increased mutual societies, raised its rate. The Coventry Building Society payments to savers. But lenders payments to savers. But lenders are deferring a decision on how much more to offer savers.

The Abbey National expects to announce new savings rates this week but has already said increases will range from 0.05 per cent to 0.25 per cent. Coventry Building Society will review rates for savers later this month and Northern Rock will announce new savings rates on 13 December,

Demand for fixed rate mortgages has trebled in the past month, and many of the more attractive offers are being withdrawn. Bristol & West withdrew its cut-price rate of 4.74 per cent

#### Little armada sails in for the battle of Guernsey

Philip Jeune

Ten French fishing boats defied a British ban yesterday and entered a restricted area of Channei Island waters.

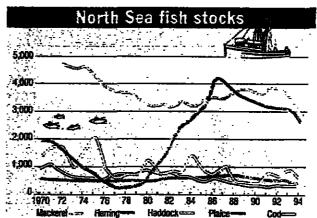
Sea Fisheries inspectors from Guernsey took the details of the boats, one of which was fishing, but no arrests were made.

The fishermen, from the Normandy port of Granville, were accompanied by a naval helicopter and a coast guard vessel, the Coriandre, which has apparently been ordered to intervene should any attempts be made to arrest the fishermen.

No Royal Navy patrol vessels were in the area. The only official British presence was in-spector Stephen Ozanne and his colleagues in a chartered motorboat and a small inflatable.

The French fishermen are furious at Guernsey's decision to abandon a two-year-old agreement that permitted them to fish and another area, the Haricot.

Guernsey withdrew from the agreement at midnight on Satfuel due to the strike by French



lorry drivers, and 30-knot winds prevented the fishermen from making their protest until vesterday lunchtime. By then the winds had eased and the boats set sail for the Sark Box, which is to the south of Guernsey, arriving at around 2pm.

likely that the British authorities will arrest the fishermen. Guernscy councillor Ron Le Moignan issued a strong warning on Sunday, promising to said a Foreign Office spokes-

"fight a guerrilla war with them". By yesterday the official Guernsey line had moderated. a diplomatic solution to the disagreement being considered more appropriate than confrontation. The Foreign Office is taking the same moderate istry of Agriculture and Fish-

eries in Paris.
"We have urged the French
fishermen to show restraint,"

there should be talks as soon as possible to everyone's mutual agreement."

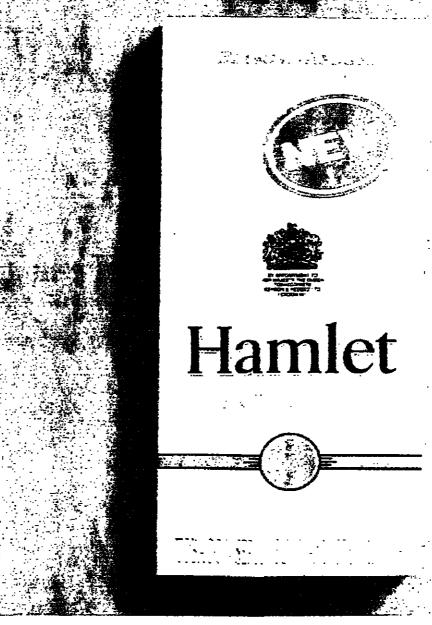
The French ministry, however, maintains that its fishermen have historic rights to enter the two areas under an

agreement drawn up in 1839. The fishing rights to the lu-crative Channel Island waters have been disputed by the French for some years. In 1993 Mr Ozanne and fellow Sea Fisheries officer Ben Remfrey were kidnapped by the crew of a French fishing boat which they had boarded and taken to Carteret.

They were immediately returned to Guernsey by the French police but the following day 39 French boats blockaded the entrance to St Peter Port. their crews demanding talks

with the Guernsey authorities. Several French fishermen have been heavily fined for illegal fishing in the waters but this scems to have done little to de ter them. One, who was fined last year, said on French television: they'll have to sink me before i will go back to St Peter Port."

# A mildar taste



SMOKING CAUSES HEART DISEASE Chief Medical Officers' Warning

# Independent's story over first Aids victim proved right

Science Editor

Independent experts have eser serious doubt on suggestions that pure accident caused the results which led a team of Manchester researchers to world's first Aids patient died in 1959.

Following an investigation by The Independent, which first revealed doubts about the research, the experts - who in-clude an Oxford professor - say

the faulty tests which led to the claims arose through bad luck. In 1990, a team of scientists at Manchester University found HIV, the virus that causes Aids, during retrospective analysis

of tissue samples from David Carr, a 25-year-old apprentice printer who died of a mysterious illness in 1959. None were found in "control" samples from another person who died at the same time.

This led them to make the world-famous claim in the med**World's first Aids** case was false

How The Independent reported the story in March 1995

ical journal, The Lancet, that July that Mr Carr was the was an ancient disease, rather than a new one which had world's first confirmed case of arisen in the past few decades. Aids". Based on this, a number of scientists theorised that Aids

The Independent, which revealed in March 1995 that American researchers had determined that the strain of HIV found in the tissues evolved too recently to have existed in 1959. In January, Andrew Bailey and Gerald Corbitt, two of the three scientists who submitted the paper, wrote to The Lancet to admit "we can find no evidence ... to suggest that the 1959 Manchester patient carried [HIV].

Edward Hooper, a medical researcher, and Professor William Hamilton, a geneticist at Oxford University, suggest two possible causes. The error which led to HIV being found only in Mr Carr's samples could either have occurred before the samples were sent to the laboratory where they were analysed, or by a mistake in breaking the "double blind" coding (which prevented them knowng whether the sample came from Mr Carr or a "control").

Few alternative scenarios appear feasible. Contamination of samples from Mr Carr by an HIV-infected knife would only be explicable if "the knife sup-posedly wiped itself clean" on the control samples, they say. But Professor Hamilton said: "The fact that there are at least three human genotypes in-volved suggests it cannot have

been a simple contamination." The third author, Dr George Williams, the Manchester University pathologist who con-ducted the post-mortem on Mr Carr has repeatedly denied this. "I'm utterly, absolutely confi-"ent of the authenticity of that material," he told *The Inde-*



# **Open road** beckons for bigger lorries

Michael Streeter

Environmentalists yesterday attacked as "simplistic" govern-ment plans which could herald the use of heavier lorries on Britain's road network.

If made law, they would allow hauliers to drive lorries as heavy as 44 tonnes - six tonnes more than the present limit before the turn of the century.

A Department of Transport consultation document proposes allowing lorries of up to 40 tonnes for general use in line with European law and 44 tonnes for so-called "piggyback joint road/rail operations.

At present, these heaviest lorries are only allowed for specific journeys involving containers to and from rail routes.

Most controversially, the proposals seeks comments on the idea of allowing 44-tonne lorries for general use by January 1999, or alternatively 2001. The Roads minister, John

Watts, indicated his support yesterday by claiming that the use of the higher-weight lorries on six axles was more "road friendly" than using 40-tonne vehicles on just five axies. "They would also be no noisier and have the same stopping distance as 38-tonne vehicles.

The theory used by d ment officials and the road freight lobby is that heavier lorries, which can carry more goods, could reduce the total number of vehicles on the road by 6,500. Mr Watts also stressed that heavier lorries did not mean bigger lorries.

However, Lynn Sloman, assistant director of the lobby group Transport 2000 dismissed the Government's arguments as

"atrociously simplistic". She said the net effect of allowing the larger tonnage would be to increase the overall use of firms found it more cost efficient than the rail network. "If the Government allows heavier lorries it will be giving a direct subsidy to road hanlage, which will be used to add to lorry mileage by centralising distribution still further."

After the last increase in lorry weights to 38 tonnes in 1983, lorry mileage had gone up by 30 per cent and freight mileage risen by more than 40 per cent,

Critics claim that apart from their environmental impact. lorries are proportionately eight times more likely to be involved in a fatal accident than

The Freight Transport Association yesterday gave a mixed reaction to news of the consultation. A spokesman, Adam Wurf, said: "We are pleased that this issue is back on the agenda again.'

The organisation believes that collectively, 44-tonne vehicles would save more than 300 million litres of fuel a year and would reduce congestion. They would also save the freight industry about £300m a year - a drop of nearly 8 per cent on the cost of operating the present heaviest vehicles.

However, Mr Wurf said they were only at consultation level, with no clear sign of when they would be implemented, at a time when the industry needed to be able to plan for the future. Mr Watts said yesterday it was

"possible" that once the consultation was completed in the New Year, laws could come in before the general election. But critics fear that ministers are trying to avoid antagonising either the road or the environmental lobbies by making capital out of consulting now, but delaying any unpopular deroads to carry heavy freight as cision until after the poll.



Poetry in motion heralds the new **British** Library

Arts Correspondent

The British Library took delivery of the first of 12 million books and journals for its new St Pancras building vesterday in what has been dubbed the biggest book move in history. Fourteen years after construction work started at its new London headquarters, the first volume to be ceremonially placed on its 186 miles of shelving was The Oxford Book of English Traditional Verse. The collection to be moved totals almost 40 million patents, eight million stamps. two million maps and more than 1 million sound recordings.

It will take more than 275,000 people-hours - equivalent to more than three working lifetimes - and 5,600 van loads to move them. The saga of the construction of the new building reached Kafkaesque proportions recently when it emerged it had cost £511m, three times initial estimates, and would be completed nine years later than expected due to contractual disputes and faulty workmanship. The Prince of Wales unkindly described the building as "a dim collection of sheds groping for some symbolic significance", while the Heritage Select Committee thought it more like "a Babylonian ziggurat seen through a fun-fair distorting mirror". But yesterday the playwright Harold Pinter was kinder. He said it was "wonderful". and his wife, the historian Lady Antonia Fraser. applauded "a great national monument". The building opens fully in June 1999, 21 years after it was approved by the Callaghan government.

# Outrage as police cleared over asylum-seeker's death

Shelf life: Brian Lang, the chief executive of the British Library, at the St Pancras building yesterday

Jason Bennetto Crime Correspondent

The police will not face disciplinary action over the death of a Nigerian asvium-seeker declared by an inquest jury to have been unlawfully killed during a struggle with two police officers, it was announced yesterday. Shiji Lapite, 34, died of asDecember 1994.

The decision by the Police Complaints Authority was condemned by Mr Lapite's family and campaigners who are to seek a judicial review into the decision earlier this year by the Crown Prosecution Service not to prosecute the officers. phyxiation after being held in a There was also criticism of the

tigate themselves.

An inquest in January ruled that Mr Lapite was killed unlawfully after one constable admitted kicking him in the head. Mr Lapite was arrested on suspicion of possession of crack cocaine. The jury heard that one pathologist had counted 45 separate injuries on the body of the

neck-hold by plain-clothes po- complaints procedure for al- deceased, compared with "su- anaesthetised him and caused lice officers in north London in lowing police officers to inves- perficial" injuries sustained him to struggle more aggresby the officers.

Mr Lapite later collapsed in a police van and was driven straight to hospital, where he was pronounced dead half-anhour after being arrested.

A post-mortem examination revealed that Mr Lapite had been drinking and had also taken cocaine, which may have

The PCA, which oversaw the inquiry, said no disciplinary action would be taken against the officers involved, although Molly Meacher, of the PCA, urged the Metropolitan Police to ensure that officers understood the risks of restraining neckholds. The PCA has repeated-

ly stressed the danger of using neckholds, which have been responsible for a number of deaths. Scotland Yard has now agreed to carry out extra

Ms Meacher said the PCA had based its decision on advice from an independent barrister and testimony of two witnesses who said they saw no officer

Mr Lapite's widow. Olamide. said: "I have lost my husband and my children have lost their father but the authorities have failed to bring to justice those

Photograph: Andrew Buurman

isible for the death." Piara Power, of the Newham Monitoring Project, a pressure group, said: "How can the unanimous verdict of a jury and widespread public concern over the whole issue of deaths in cus-

tody be so contemptibly brushed aside in this way? This episode serves to bring the entire criminal justice system into disrepute." Deborah Coles, co-director

of Inquest, the support and advice group, said: "It makes a

mockery of any idea that the

PCA has any other function

than protecting police officers

from being brought to account."

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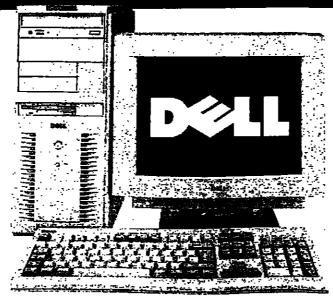
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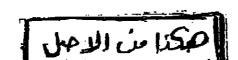
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# Labour eases hostility to GP fundholding

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A softening of Labour policy over fundholding by family doctors will be signalled today by Chris Smith, the party's health Spokesman.

Toning down past hostility by Labour, which had threatened to "abolish" fundholding GPs. Mr Smith will emphasise the need for consent in plans to re-

commissioning by groups of family doctors.

Labour's aim, however, would remain to bring GP fundholders within the planning remit of the National Health Service. It would seek to end the system under which the internal market has allowed queuejumping by fundholders, who purchase aospital care for their NHS patients.

terday from Stephen Dorrell, the Secretary of State for could lead to hospital closures. Health, over Labour's refusal to match the Government's Independent has seen, warns promise to spend more in real peers that the plans could in-

terms on the NHS every year. But Mr Dorrell's confidence that he can beat Labour on its home ground on health took a jolt from the Butish Medical Association, which has circulated a briefing note to peers for the

Mr Smith faced a barrage yes-second reading today of the Pri-tors to expand the range of ser- of GPs across the country. Fig-mitment to the health service ed would give a real-terms introday from Stephen Dorrell, many Care Bill, warning that it vices they offer, including mi-ures given to her by the Gov-without competing with the crease to health expenditure,

The briefing note, which The volve a switch in resources from hospitals to fund an expansion

The Bill gives the Secretary of State powers to establish pilot schemes across the country from April 1998 for family doc-

nor surgery normally only on ernment show that there are offer in large hospitals. The nearly 1,000 unfilled GP vacan-BMA warns peers in the brief-ing note that unless more money is pumped into the NHS, the

pilots will not work. Tessa Jowell, Labour's health spokeswoman, also disclosed that in spite of the Government's claims to be spending more on the NHS, there were shortages

nearly 1,000 unfilled GP vacancies in practices across England and Wales, with some of the largest gaps in inner-city areas such as east London. The Government is seeking to counter the shortages by allowing hospitals

to hire GPs for the first time. Labour believes it can convince the voters about its com-

Smith and other Labour frontbenchers were repeatedly taunted by Mr Dorrell during a Commons debate on the Budget to intervene at the despatch box to commit Labour to spending more on the NHS in real terms.

"If one of them - any of them can give a commitment that

crease to health expenditure, they can intervene," he said. "They cannot because they

won't give that pledge." The Government has announced that it is spending an extra £1.6bn - an increase of 2.9 per cent - on the NHS next year. Mr Dorrell last week also announced that hospitals will be given an extra £20m this year to avoid a winter crisis.



# daylight on poll date Chief Political Correspondent Richard Branson and his Vir

Fran Abrams Political Correspondent

For some time now, Brian Pearson has been wishing he had a bet on the date of the general election. Eighteen months ago the administrator of the Association of Electoral Administrators took a phone call from a House of Commons official who wanted to know the date of the 1997 local elections. Ever since he has been convinced that it would be on that

day, I May. The received wisdom was behind him, and it ran as fol-

Point one: an election before 27 February would be undesirable because the new electoral register comes into force on the case because it has been the the 16th. Returning officers need a week to get it up and running, and would object to an election on the 20th unless it were strictly necessary.

Point two: the clocks go forward on 30 March, giving an ex-tra hour of daylight. Before that, election. Or is it? voters would be subjected to a dark night and probably bad weather to boot. That would mean a low turn-out.

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Point three: an election in the break at the end of March. There are 17 days between the dissolution of Parliament and the election, not counting Saturdays, Sundays and bank holidays, so an early-April election would mean an extra two days' preparation time for Labour.

Easter was in 1979. Point four: local elections take place on 1 May, so a general election in the last week of April would simply double the agony for voters, leading again

The last election that spanned

Point five: elections always case for 60 years. Maundy Thursday however is one of the few days apart from weekends and bank holidays on which polling is not allowed. So, 1 May is the first sensi-

There are three good reasons why Mr Major may differ. First, he might be forced into an early election. The

Political Correspondent

The Government was defeated

by two votes in the Lords last

night over a plan to make char-ities pay to find out whether vol-

Under the Bill, volunteers

Government is certain to lose first three weeks of April would its majority in 10 days after the be a bad idea because the cam-Barnsley East by election, and paign would span the Easter it could have a minority of one after the Wirral South by-election which must take place by

February. Reasons two and three are based on more cynical calculations. A polling day before the clocks go forward might en-courage voters to go home and put their feet up rather than dragging themselves out after work. That would help the Conservatives, whose supporters are known to be far more de-

termined to vote than Labour's. The final reason is that a quarter of the 44 million electors will have moved house or become 18 since the old register was drawn up, and could miss out on their votes if polling day happened before the new version came in. Again, an early election would mean a low turn-out and good news for the Tories.

No one wants a Christmas election, of course, so calm is likely to reign for a few weeks yet. But come the New Year a new slogan could be circulating in Smith Square: Vote Early, Vote Tory.

The man who sheds | Labour's lottery cash plans attacked

gin company are unlikely to win control of the National Lottery if Labour wins the election, following the publication yesterday of Labour's plans for the lottery.

The millionaire businessman is keen to win the right to take over the running of the lottery with a non-profit-making consortium from the current organiser, Camelot, which has been criticised for making excessive profits.

Labour yesterday made it clear that the party remains committed to allowing a nonprofit-making organisation to take over the running of the lottery, if it can be financed

more cheaply.
But senior Labour sources told The Independent that another organisation, such as Virgin, could only take over the contract from Camelot, if its costs were lower.

Camelot won the contract partly because its costs were lower than competitors, including the Virgin consortium, but Camelot's £1m a week profits could be squeezed by Labour applying a cap to its income

from the lottery. Camelot would also have to hand the f6m a year interest on

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Baroness Blatch, Home Of-

reverse it in the Commons.



unclaimed prizes to the good which would tackle th causes funded by the lottery, of "latch-key kids". Labour said. However, Labour is plan-

ning few dramatic changes to the National Lottery, if the party wins power. The party has ruled out sug-

gestions that a cap should be put on the top prizes, such as the £9m jackpot, which was shared by three winners at the weekend.

Labour was attacked by Virginia Bottomley, the National Heritage Secretary, after

night a spokesman for the Home Secretary, Michael not do so. Waiving fees for un-vice on a UK-wide statutory paid volunteers would be open footing and puts intrusive sur-

inal Records Agency to supply information to individuals and

registered bodies. It also sets up

a National Crime Squad for

to abuse, she said.

Bob Monkhouse, host of National Lottery Live. Labour will use cash for social schemes which would tackle the problem

> Labour spokesman for National Heritage, Jack Cunningham, announced plans for a New Millennium Commission which would channel millions of pounds of lottery cash into projects for children and young

A top priority would be a net-work of after-school clubs which Labour believes would be mothers - giving children the chance to do their homework, proposing to use lottery funds learn a foreign language or ac-to pay for after-school clubs quire computer skills.

veillance by police and Customs

could have a devastating effect

on an estimated 20 million vol-

untary workers, many of whom

worked for small local charities.

would be put into "community chests" which would be put under the control of panels made up from local business people, councillors and volun-

tary groups.

However, Mrs Bottomley accused Labour of planning to fund front-line education programmes with lottery money, breaking one of the main principles of the lottery, that lottery cash should not be used to fund basic government

She dismissed the plans as "a cocktail of political correctness" at the expense of those punters who enjoy an occa-sional flutter, and described Labour's community chest scheme as a ploy to let Labour councils get its "sticky fingers" over the distribution of lottery on the lottery billions.

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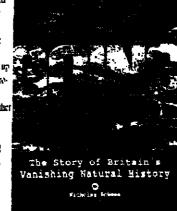
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# Cash lottery over fertility treatment

National Health Service funding of fertility treatment is "chaotic, patchy" and amounts to "treatment by postcode" according to new research.

Despite an increase in the number of health authorities offering treatment on the NHS. a couple in Scotland wanting in vitro tertilisation (IVF) are seven times more likely to be successful than a couple in the South and West region, while partners in Northern Ireland have no access at all to NHS

One in six couples experience difficulty in conceiving at some point in their lives, with the largest number of fertility problems unexplained. For those who choose IVF the live birth success rate is 14.1 per cent

The report commissioned by the National Infertility Awareness Campaign (Niac), found that the number of health authorities that formally purchase infertility services has increased from 21 per cent in 1993 to its current level of 65 per cent, an increase Niac thinks is partly due to the reorganisation of health authorities last April. But the divide between those

those that fund little or no the proportion of health authorities funding more than 20 cycles of IVF per 100,000 popilation has almost double the proportion of those refus-

ing to fund any form of assisted conception has not changed. The majority of authorities reported no change in funding since last year although one in five reported an increase. Despite an increase of 15 per cent in IVF rates to 9.3 treatment cycles per 100,000 population in

1996, as opposed to 8.1 treatment cycles per 100,000 in 1995, the rates of IVF treatment are still well below the recommendations stated in a 1992 report of 40 IVF treatments.

The most generous region listed in the latest report was Scotland, with 29.3 IVF treatments per 100,000, followed by the North West which funds 15.9. Only four regions funded more than 10 cycles per 100,000 population. The lowest rates were found in the West Midlands [5.2], South and West [4.2] and in Northern Ireland [0].



authorities funding increasing Test tubes containing frozen embryos Photograph: Reuters ple's lives."

health authorities, with the mai ority specifying a maximum age for the woman of between 35 and 40. Some authorities still only fund treatment for people who have lived within the authority's area for a specified period.

Clare Brown, chair of Niac said: "The great divide between the health authorities is worrying. Although we are pleased that some health authorities are increasing the amount they already spend in infertility services, we are extremely saddened that there are many health authorities who refuse to fund treatment.

We are still having to deal with a chaotic, patchy 'treatment by postcode' method of deciding who can and who cannot have their infertility treated by

"This is obviously totally unfair unaccentable and a desperately unhappy situation for the couples this affects."

Susan Rice, chief executive of the national fertility association, Issue, described the situation as "abhorrent". She said: "Issue calls on health providers to stop this 'trade in babies' and consider the detrimental effect infertility has on all areas of peo-

#### Insurance firms to fight pupils' claims against failing schools

**Judith Judd**Education Editor

Insurance companies which represent education authorities say they will fight claims for damages against failing schools through the courts.

Zurich Municipal, which insures most councils, said it had no intention of settling out of court as happened recently in the case of a man awarded £30,000 for bullying at school. Insurers believe they could win cases against pupils suing schools for bad exam results.

Two teenagers are preparing cases against schools failed by the Office for Standards in Education. They say the schools certainly open the floodgates."

GCSE results.

Royal Sun Alliance, the insurance company involved in the bullying case at Shene School in Richmond, wanted an out-of-court settlement because it said it would not recover its costs even if the school won the case. The plaintiff was financing the case through legal aid. A spokesman for Zurich Municipal said: "We think this

case is defendable and would definitely defend it. "We don't think giving in to a claim such as this, which has a very weak foundation in law, would be cheaper. If we did not fight and win a case, we should

very difficult for pupils to win. Julian Gizzi, head of the education law department of City solicitors Beachcroft Stanleys said legal aid should not be granted in such cases, at least where they were unlikely to suc-

"Such cases look set to continue and grow in number, diverting more and more resources away from education and towards lawyers' fees. For the school to defend this action all the way to trial could easily cost as much as two or three times a teacher's salary."

Labour urged the Government to close any legal loophole which might encourage pupils

Lawyers agreed it would be to make claims against failing schools.

David Blunkett, the shadow Secretary of State for Education and Employment, told BBC Radio I's World at One: "I can't see how .. e can go into a situation where there is a threat hanging over legitimate inspection, where revealing that something is wrong is used in terms of legal action and where money is then withdrawn from a school that needs it."

The Legal Aid Board said the pupils involved in the case had not applied for legal aid. In all cases, the board considered the legal merits of the claim to see whether there were reasonable prospects of success



# Millionaire's gift horse puts politics into museums world

Arts News Editor

A defiant political gesture by an 86-year-old millionaire art collector could change for ever the way works of art are left to the

The £25m bequest by Sir Denis Mahon of 61 17th century Italian baroque pictures to institutions including the National Gallery and the Ashmolean and Fitzwilliam museums, in Oxford and Cambridge, will be withdrawn, before his death, he states, if the Government falls short in its commitment to public collections generally.

It will be removed from galleries after his death if any gallery involved sells off any of its works of art.

Until now private collectors have left pictures in their wills to their favourite galleries with no motives other than enriching the national heritage and possibly helping their descendants by declaring the paintings against inheritance tax.

Sir Denis, long a campaigner for the arts, and a bachelor, has also intimated, though it is not in the legal agreement he .. by a cut on the other." has with the National Art Col-

gallery or museum that charges the public for admission.

The latter has never been higher on the agenda than now following cuts announced last week in government grant to museums and galleries.

Sir Denis, independently wealthy as a member of the Guinness Mahon banking family, is well placed to hold governments to ransom. If a government reduces funding too much he will, as it were, from the grave reduce the number of paintings he has bequeathed to the nation. For that purpose he has again gone against convention and ensured that legal control of the bequest stays with the National Art Collections Fund, the leading independent art charity, rather than the museums and gal-

leries involved. As Sir Denis threatened at a press conference at the National Gallery yesterday with a phrase that will resound through the art world and the Department of National Heritage for years to come: "In the last analysis a cut on one side could be matched

The new era of the politically

spokesman. "I'm very sympathetic," he said. "The spirit of all the major historic bequests has been of benefiting the public. Sir Denis is continuing that tradition. He wants to leave his collection to the public and to

truly public." The National Gallery's director, Neil MacGregor, added: "What is interesting is that here is a man with a very clear view of how museums should relate to the public, and I applaud it."

ensure that museums remain

Others were uneasy. Tim Mason, director of the Museums and Galleries Commission, said "Bequests have often come with conditions, but they are straightforward conditions concerning things like security, the environment in which paintings are displayed and access. Such things are easily measured. The difficulty here is interpretation. How does one measure whether the Government is falling short of its com-

mitments?" Other senior museum figures said that a less important collection would be unlikely to be accepted on such terms.

lections Fund, that he would not charged bequest was welcomed watching to see whether Sir Dewant any of his pictures in a by Mark Fisher, Labour's arts nis really is holding a gun to its head or whether he is bluffing. The first signs are that Sir Denis's conditions may be as much political gesture as legal threat

Yesterday he admitted that in last week's Budget the Government had indeed, through its cut to museums and galleries. fallen short on its commitments. But he said that although the Government had failed on this key condition, he would not be withdrawing his

"I shall just wait to see what Mrs Bottomley [Secretary of State for National Heritage] says for herself," he said. We will have to see whether the Government behaves in a civilised manner or not. I think they should have a chance to see what there is to lose."

The Irish National Gallery has been promised five of the paintings in the bequest

Raymond Keaveney, director of the Irish National Gallery. confirmed that more of the Mahon bequest may cross the Irish Sea if admission charges are levied at a British gallery to benefit. No Dublin public The Government will also be entry.

#### Women lose their seat on the board

Barrie Clement Labour Editor

The proportion of female directors in companies which are members of the anti-discrimination campaign Opportunity 2000 has slumped by nearly onethird, it was disclosed yesterday.

A year ago, women accounted for 16 per cent of board mem-bers at the 300 organisations which belong to the campaign de-signed to increase the number of females in managerial posts. Yesterday, the organisation conceded that the latest figure was

11 per cent. Celebrating the fifth anniversary of Opportuni-ty 2000, Lady Elspeth Howe, its chairman, conceded that the total number of women in such positions was so low that even one departure could make a signifi-

cant impact on the percentage.
Peter Davis, group chief executive of the Prudential Corporation, a prominent member of the group, said that while the figures seemed to show a decline it was "counter-intuitive" as far his personal experience was concerned and that of others involved in the initiative.

over the last 12 months, they had "held on" to previous gains. Some 31 per cent of all managers at Opportunity 2000 employers were women, 17 per cent of senior managers, 31 per cent of middle managers and 41 per cent of junior managers. This compared with 12.3 per cent of managers in the United Kingdom as a whole, the Institute of Management said. The percentage of female directors in Opportunity 2000

While Lady Howe reported no major progress in the number of women in senior positions

firms was 11 per cent compared with 3.3 per cent elsewhere.

Around 80 per cent of with 3.3 per cent elsewhere.

Around 80 per cent of Britain's leading employers with about one-quarter of the working population, are members of Opportunity 2000, officials said. They said there were usuable absentees, including BTR, Hanson Group, BAT GEC, Pearson and Mirror, Group, Newspaniers. Mirror Group Newspapers-Some employers had left because of restructuring. A number of lo-cal authorities left because of

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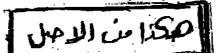
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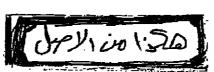
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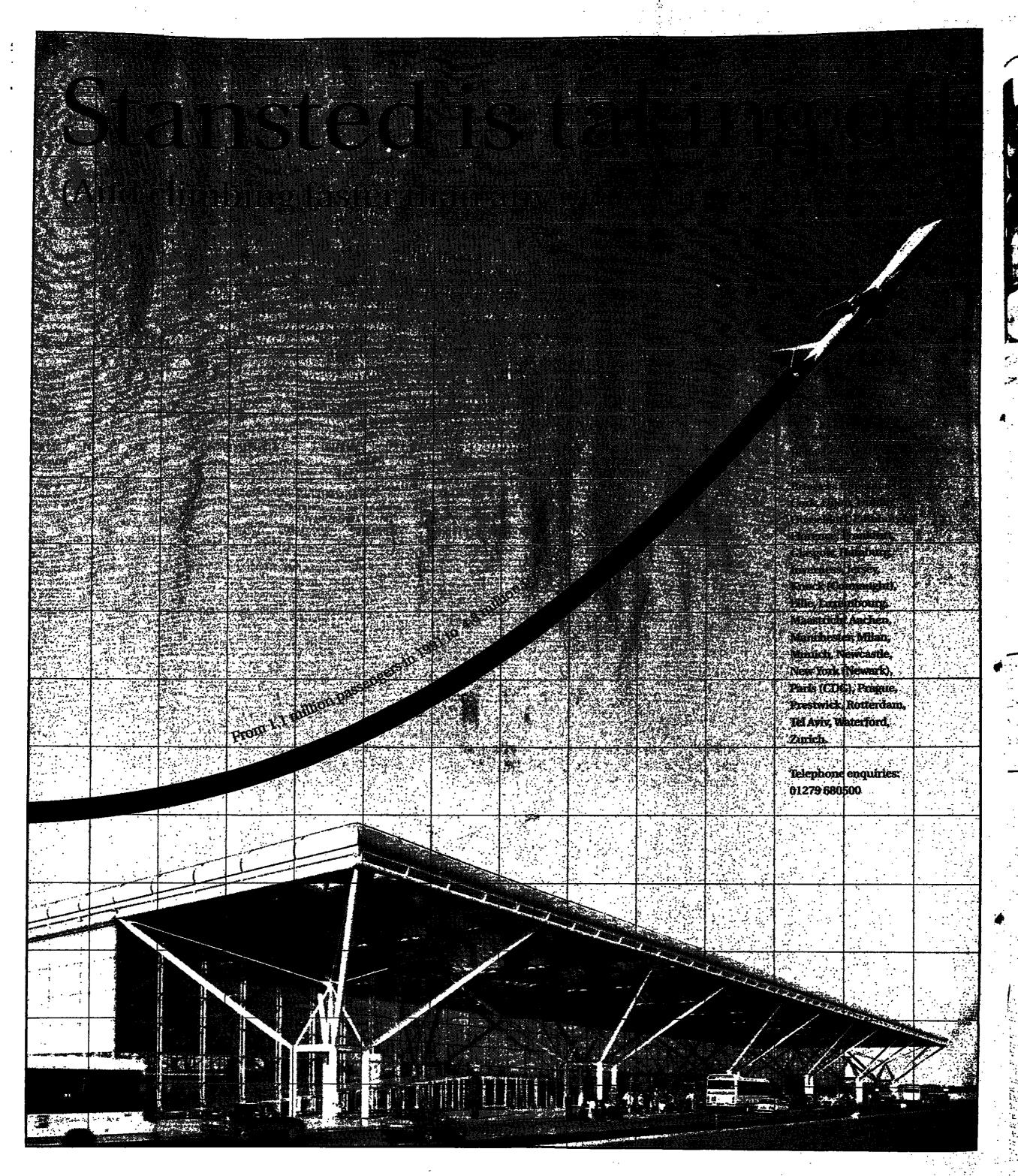
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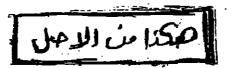
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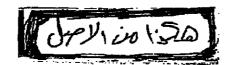


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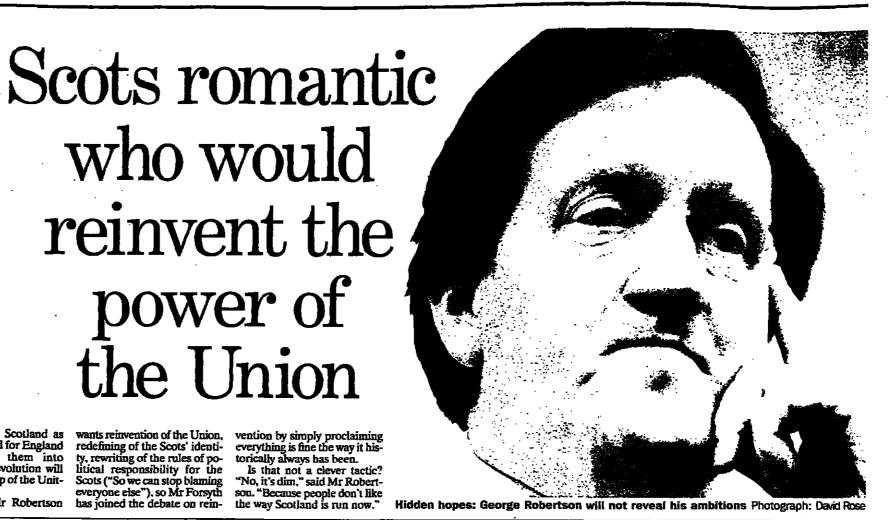
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mean the break-up of the Unit-

redefining of the Scots' identity, rewriting of the rules of po-litical responsibility for the Scots ("So we can stop blaming everyone else"), so Mr Forsyth

everything is fine the way it his-torically always has been. Is that not a clever tactic? "No, it's dim," said Mr Robertson. "Because people don't like



Michael Forsyth, Secretary of State for Scotland, is said to be overjoyed that his gesture of bringing home the Stone of Scone has somehow reminded the Scots of the historical importance of the Union. His opposite number, George Robertson, in the run-up to the general election, appears to want to concentrate his mind on

matters more concrete. After being humiliated in recent example of the immatu-Labour's summer of U-turns on devolution for Scotland, Mr Robertson had the unenviable and difficult job of convincing the Scottish party, the media and the electorate that Tony Blair's apparent "I-know-best" explanation for the enforced changes would somehow be for the better. Coping with more turns than an ice skater, Labour has now committed itself to a referendum on devolution should it form the next gov-ernment. The Scots will be

#### His image suffered after Blair's changes. Some believe he can never fully recover

asked both if they want a devolved parliament and if that parliament should have tax-

raising powers.

If Mr Forsyth now imagines himself as Sir Walter Scott reincarnated and is intent on continually reinforcing the symbolic power of 300 years of union with England as the foundation of his election campaign. Mr Robertson is equally a touch romantic when he speaks of, perhaps predictably, "new Scotland, new

Unlike many in his party, he says he now sees the referendum as "not an obstacle, but an

opportunity".
With Labour seemingly committed to fighting hard for a yes yes vote, and anticipating a well-funded brutal campaign from the Conservatives for nono, Mr Robertson curiously believes there is no hidden danger in the message he now says will be explained to the electorate in Labour's own campaign: it wants the power to tax hut in effect will promise not to

image of being honest.

Some inside the Labour paruse it.
The Scots will vote for it to be there, but the parliament it-self will rarely use it." Mr ty in Scotland believe he is Robertson says. He explains: "It's a power, not a tax. It's there ers believe he will. But the end if the people want it to be overtake Mr Blair, an almost

there. Anucipating that such a campaigning tactic might be either open to accusations of unfairness (if you are being kind) or logical naïvete (if you are being Union, attracting a new gencruel). Mr Robertson defends eration to politics, and talks of

the party plan by stating simply: "It's mature. The Scots have basic common sense and will understand the difference between a power and a tax." "Mature" is a rarely used ad-

jective in politics. The attack Mr Robertson suffered at this year's

Scottish National Party con-

ference, where he was accused

of being Scotland's answer to

the wartime traitor Lord Haw-

Haw by Alex Neil, one of the

SNP's senior spokesmen, is a

rity of much Scottish political

debate. The slur annoyed Mr

Robertson, but he skilfully used

it to his advantage: "If it had

in the lower ranks of the SNP it would have been quietly dis-

missed. But all it showed was that despite the SNP's claims to

be an organised, controlled and effective party, this is the level

they can reduce themselves to." Elected MP for Hamilton in

1979, Mr Robertson was quickly identified as a potential senior

estminster.

there. "In politics you are un-

wise to declare your ambitions."

ceiving numerous invitations from English universities asking

him to go and explain what de-

volution will mean. The joke

among some Old Labour hardliners is that they would first like him to explain it to them. He

may have had little room for

manoeuvre in the chaos gener ated by Mr Blair's ordered

changes on how devolution was to be implemented. Mr Robert-

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unlikely to recover fully. Oth-

result is that like the evangelism that sometimes appears to

excessive fervour also grips Mr

Robertson, who is 50, when he speaks of reinventing the

His office is currently re-

been a comment from someon

the Tories using Scotland as wants reinvention of the Union, vention by simply proclaiming "the battleground for England ... to frighten them into believing that devolution will

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#### Anselmo's Revolutionary Pamphlets

By Cliff Ashcroft

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The austere printer Anselmo Lorenzo curried the message from village to village and awakened me with a clear word. A word that pressed upon my open hands and fired a pure and supple flame.

I too dreamed of the el reparto. the n-distributed land, our fields returned like the warm acre of our village beds. And the landowner and priest fell from my memory like winter's evil cold.

Anselmo Lorenzo I think of you leading us from the certainty of punishment into the doubt of our free limbs. Whit was to become of us now we could do exactly as we wished?

I looked for your word in my frozen hands, but there will be no simple rest. nut the dispute hought is empty dispute All you nave orongs is empty auspide and the cinders I press to my closed palms like letters of broken type.

Cliff Ashcroft was born in 1963 and read English at Sheffield University. Carcanet publishes his first collection, Faithful, this mouth. His poems are simply constructed, often elegiac, and wide-ranging in place and history. The poet Penelope Shutwide-ranging in characteristic tone of reserved epiphanics, a colleges within process. stillness within process".

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# **B&Q Environmental Update**



Over six years ago, we put into place a planned programme to reduce the environmental impact of every product

This is our fourth annual update covering all the main areas of environmental activity during the past year and describing our plans for the future.

#### Timber & Forests

In-1991 we set two targets: By the end of 1993; to have identified all the sources of our timber products down to forest level - achieved for over 98% (by volume).

By the end of 1995: all our timber products to come from well managed forests – only 1.5% of timber by volume

Collecting and evaluating the data has been an intensive exercise involving one person working full time for over four years.

#### **Independent Forest Certification – the best** way forward

How can we be sure that timber is from well managed forests?

Until now evaluation of timber sources was dependent on 'internal scrutiny' desk top studies and occasional visits to forests. The weaknesses are obvious, but it was all we had. But not anymore: we, like many other organisations, realised



back in 1990 that a more robust and credible system was needed. Forests must be independently certified. By working together B&Q and many other companies and environmental groups created The Forest Stewardship Council (FSC).

#### The Forest Stewardship Council (FSC)



The role of the FSC is to set the principles of good forest management and ensure that certification across the world operates to the same standard. We believe it currently represents the only credible system capable of operating globally.

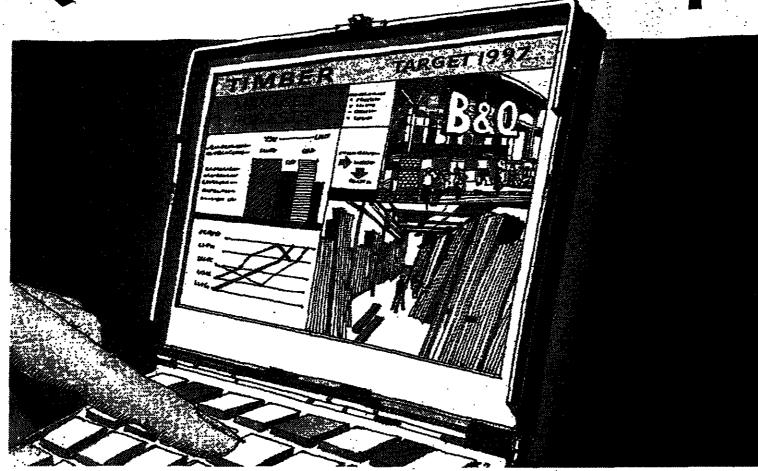
Customers are just beginning to see the FSC trademark on timber products in our stores and as these become more widely available we hope marketing campaigns from other retailers (including competitors) and the World Wide Fund for Nature (WWF) will help customers recognise and buy these products in favour of non-certified products.

Products available at B&Q which have already been independently certified:

PRODUCT	SUPPLIER	COUNTRY
Exterior Doors	Chindwell	Malaysia
Charcoal	Chartan Aldred, Rectella	South Africa
Interior Doors	Premium Timber	Poland
Edge Laminated Pine Boards	Premium Timber	Poland
Cabinet Doors	Premium Timber	Poland
Wooden Door Furniture	Douglas Kane	Poland
Parquer Flooring	Western Cork	Zimbabwe

Certification initiatives are also underway in other countries such as Ivory Coast, Ghana, Sri Lanka, UK and Sweden.

Some producers have genuine forest management problems and real practical problems to overcome. Others are simply reluctant to support the concept of certification. We shall continue to explain to them why we believe it is important but if they are not convinced we will have to buy from elsewhere.



Target - By the end of 1999 the only wood we buy will be from independently certified forests.

#### **Paint**

One in three pots of paint sold in the UK for domestic use is bought from a B&Q store. We believe that between 0.6% and 2% of all solvent emissions in the UK could be from paint bought at

The figure is large enough for B&Q alone to make an impact on the overall reduction of solvents. Solvents contribute to low level smog, climate change and can aggravate asthma. They also have an unpleasant smell. The future can be solvent free and where technically impossible, low solvent paints are the answer.

The first stage is already underway. We are working with our suppliers to ensure there is a clear and precise message on every single can of paint we sell. At the moment, this is not the case.

From a total of 123 products there was the following confusing array of labels:

Claim Type	Claim	No of products
ODOUR	Low odour	66
1	Low in adour	3
1	Lower adour	5 ·
ľ	Lawer odour formula	5
	Less odour than conventional gloss	l.
	paints.  Much less odour than ordinary	2
	emulsion	2
	Law aromatic solvents reduces odour	2
	No unpleasant odour	2
	TOTAL	<b>87</b>
WATER- BASED	Waterbased	40
MASED	Economical waterborne	1
	Waterborne copolymer emulsion	5
	Waterbased acrylic	1
	TOTAL	47
LOW	Solvent free	6
SOLVENT	Free from solvents	4
	Solvent free waterbased formula	2
	Law solvent	5
	Low solvent formula	1
	Very little organic solvent	1
	Solvent based, the use of water based afternatives should be	
	considered	1
	TOTAL	20
OZONE	Ozone friendly	6
	Contains no fluorocarbons	3
	Contains no CFCs	4
	TOTAL	19
TEAD	No lead added	16
	No added lead	1
	Contains no lead	7
	Contains no lead additives	1 20
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When we finalise our policy at the end of the year we will start phasing out claims such as 'environmentally friendly'. We have also worked with suppliers to agree a standard format for displaying the solvent content of all products.

Proposed Target - End of 1999: to reduce solvent emissions from B&Q paint by 30% (using 1996 figures as

As part of this process we will start introducing new products with a lower solvent content.

Target - December 1996: to finalise details of policy.

Target - End of June 1997: to have new labelling system in place. Target - July 1997: to launch customer communication programme.

#### Charcoal

All our imported lumpwood charcoal is currently certified and next year all our new stock of briquettes and barbecue kits will be certified.

Charcoal production can help our forests in the UK. By working with the Bio Regional



Development Group, it has been possible to sell charcoal from coppiced woodlands in the nearest B&Q Last season

local charcoal was on sale in 120 stores. Target - by summer 1997: to buy locally

produced charcoal for virtually all stores. Target - by the end of 1997: to have 50% of UK sources of charcoal

#### Working Conditions in **Developing Countries**

Working conditions in developing countries is a difficult and emotional issue. The most publicised example is the abuse of child or bonded labour. However, we believe the issue is more complex than just child labour. We have seen factories where as well as environment controls, health and safety can also be improved.

We have worked with suppliers to introduce basic health and safety measures in coir door mat, rug and brassware factories in India. We visit factories and if required request improvements. The scale and complexity of our supply base makes this a huge

By the end of 1996 we plan to finalise a method of audit and random follow up visits using local specialists for our entire Indian supply base. This will be used as a trial for similar initiatives across the

It will be several years before we are satisfied with the working conditions in our factories. However, we firmly believe working with our suppliers is the only way forward and is preferable to bans or boycotts which result in more hardship for the workers.

#### **PVC**

PVC has long been associated, rightly or wrongly, with dioxin contamination during PVC production and waste incineration. Also many PVC products contain phthalates. This chemical has been connected with the decline in fertility rates and the feminisation of some animal species. Some environmental campaigners are trying to persuade businesses to phase out PVC altogether. The industry has responded by focusing on the benefits of PVC and questioning the validity of the scientific theories. The issue facing B&Q is that both points of view have merit.

The science is ambiguous and there is as yet no consensus as to the true extent of the problem or to the solution. We will not take sides - but we want to do what is right for the environment.

We shall be financing a PhD student to work on this issue for three years to focus on reviewing the literature and relating it specifically to the B&Q product range. Chemical analyses will be undertaken as and when necessary. We will act on the research findings as soon as key facts are identified.

#### What of the other issues? **Supplier Assessment**

There are so many issues for B&Q to resolve, we cannot resolve them all alone. We must get all our suppliers involved. Since 1991, it has been company policy for all our 600 suppliers to have an environmental policy, backed up by an action plan. By the middle of 1994, over 95% of our suppliers had a

policy - an improvement of 85% since

Building on that progress in July 1995 B&Q launched a supplier assessment programme called QUEST which included both quality and environmental performance. QUEST, which stands for the QUality, Ethics, Safety & Treatment of products, measures suppliers on ten key

quality or environmental principles. The extensive amount of information which needs to be processed has caused bottlenecks, but despite this we know that QUEST is the correct approach. Any suppliers not meeting a certain grade will not have any new products listed until they have addressed the problem concerned. Continued inaction will result in a company being de-listed. Of our existing suppliers, 30% have been reassessed and the average grades for the five environmental principles are:-

QUEST 6 Average grade: 3.4 Environmental Policy and Awarene Suppliers' understanding of the environmental issues associated with their products and their commitment to resolving them is graded by assessing the suppliers' published environmental policy.

**QUEST 7** 

Average grade: 3.2
Environmental Action and Achievements To ensure that a supplier's environmental schievement does not consist of only writing a good policy, suppliers' achievements are warded a separate grade for action.

**QUEST 8** Average grade: 2.5
International Supply Chains B&Q believes that the issue of poor working conditions in factories in developing countries are a significant issue for retailers. Therefore suppliers' understanding and commitment to this issue is awarded a separate grade. **QUEST 9** 

Average grade: 3.9

Packaging and Environmental Claims
The suppliers' ability to meet all the possible future legal requirements to minimise the amount of packaging used and design for recycling is jointly assessed with the accuracy and benefits or problems caused by any environmental claims on a product.

**QUEST 10** Average grade: 3.5 The suppliers' ability to meet 8&Q's present and future requirements of its timber policy

and targets.

This is based on valuing Grade A = S, Grade B = 4. Grade C = 3. Grade D = 2. Grade E = 1 and 592 suppliers as of 18/11/96.

**B&Q Store Performance** – Waste Management & Local Agenda 21

We have the potential to make vast improvements in our own performance in terms of reducing our waste, recycling unused materials and working with the local community. This not only helps the environment but also saves us a small fortune!

Our Huddersfield store has formed a partnership with Kirklees Metropolitan Council addressing waste and energy management, staff awareness, customer communication plus community projects.

The store's waste minimisation initiative has involved donations of waste items to local schools and the staff together with Kirklees Metropolitan Council have cleaned up the stretch of the River Colne adjacent to the



The intention is to use this example as a case study to encourage other stores to become involved with their local authority's Local Agenda 21 programme. Agenda 21 is a global environmental action plan signed by the Government at the Earth Summit in 1992. All local councils are responsible for delivering improvements such as waste minimisation, energy efficiency and environmental enhancement.

#### QUEST for stores

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As dawn broke in Peking yesterday, there was no sign of Ronald Mc-Donald on his prime-site bench two blocks from Tiananmen Square. In-

deed, the bench had disappeared too. But this was not simply another statistic in the city's crime wave. In a rare defeat for the world's biggest fast-food chain, the might of the Peking Municipal Government has

Ronald has moved out and the buildozers will be moving in to make way for a massive Hong Kong-financed shopping and office development. Yesterday, the building was fenced off by striped plastic awning.

McDonald's was told two years ago that it would have to vacate its flagship premises on the corner of Peking's most famous shopping street, Wangfujing, and the city's main east-west artery, the Avenue of

thing of a surprise to the company. which opened the 750-seat outlet in 1992 believing that it had signed a 20year land-use agreement for the site, The foreign business community was generally taken aback by the news, fearing for other such agreements.

With the demolition men approaching from all sides, negotiations opened between McDonald's and the Peking government. Then came an unexpected stay of execution when

sive Oriental Plaza development because it was deemed to break height restrictions for central Peking. Oriental Plaza is backed by the Hong Kong tycoon Li Ka-shing and his company Cheung Kong.

When the Oriental Plaza finally regotiated its plans earlier this year, Ronald McDonald's tenure began to look tenuous. Yesterday, Marvin Whaley, president of McDonald's China Development Company, said

agreed to move its restaurant "in a spirit of teamwork and partnership" with the Peking government. The general manager of McDonald's in Peking, Tim Lai, said: "Both sides are still happy, and I think the Peking government helps us a lot."

Details of the agreement, and any compensation payment, remain secret. According to Mr Lai, McDonald's expects in two years to have opened two new outlets on Wangfujing, but the

Judging by the fast-paced expansion of the Big Mac in Peking over the past year, the company seems to have used leverage from the Wangfujing situation to secure the swift opening of other premises. The number of McDonald's restaurants in Peking has jumped from six when the removal notice was mooted in 1994, to 29 by the end of this year. There are more than 100 branches of McDonald's in China.

#### French drivers face the sack

Mary Dejevsky

France's trade unions vesterday bailed their victory in the 12 day-old lorry drivers' protest and urged other sectors to follow the hauliers' example in pursuing their demands. Lauding the mobile telephone and the fax machine - which enabled roadblocks to be placed to maximum effect – the unions' message was that strength lies in

ogistics and force prevails. For some, the victory may have been Pyrrhic. Officials of one of the larger unions involved reported a spate of sackings of drivers on their first day back at work.

The government, meanwhile, was preserving a coolly diplo-matic front. The transport minister, Bernard Pons, said everyone had come out of the dispute "with their dignity intact". The next stage should be completed today, when union negotiators meet government officials to decide a decree on hours.

The unions had an interest in declaring a "total victory" to end the protest cleanly, before the weather or fatigue did it for

The government also had an interest in allowing the unions to claim victory to ensure the roads reopened.

However, there is a real sanction. Employers may receive subsidies from the government. but they are not the state sector with bottomless pockets: some firms will shed jobs; oth-

ers will go out of business.
The CFDT was sanguine about likely job losses vesterday. saying the haulage sector in France was "oversupplied", that "thousands of companies" went out of business every year, and that companies which observed agreed terms and conditions would be "happy" with the setlement because it would make for "fairer competition".

The unions have chosen to "forget" that their call for hightance of a one-off "bonus" of 3,000 francs (£355), and that any working hours decree is unlikely to go beyond the EU directive on a maximum 48-hour working week.

# **Protesters** stand firm against Milosevic

Tony Barber Europe Editor

Tens of thousands of Serbs defied government warnings and demonstrated against President Slobodan Milosevic yesterday as the authorities contemplated using force to end two weeks of street unrest. Braving freezing temperatures and heavy snow, a crowd led by students marched through Belgrade, some carrying flowers to symbolise their commitment to peaceful protest.

The ruling Socialist Party and Belgrade police turned up the pressure on the opposition on Sunday, warning that their patience was wearing thin and they would crack down hard on any violence or illegal behaviour. Students in the capital responded by sending an open letter to the police that said: We don't want violence. Words are our only weapon.

Opposition activists suspect that Mr Milosevic is looking for e to break up the d demonstrations, which represent the most serious challenge to his rule since he took power as Serbia's Communist leader in 1987. Leaders of the Zajedno (Together) coalition of opposition "outer wall" of international

parties say that government provocateurs were responsible for violent incidents last week, when youths smashed windows at the headquarters of the Milosevic-controlled state television and the newspaper Politika.

Mr Milosevic, who used tanks to suppress street protests in Beigrade in March 1991, has so far kept his security forces in reserve. Until last Sunday, he appeared to be calculating that his tight control of the media, state administration and security apparatus would eventually cause the demonstrations to

Yet the protests have begun to attract working-class support; a disturbing sign for the au-thorities. Zoran Djindjic, an opposition leader who has tried to organise trade union support for strikes to bring down Mr Milo-sevic, said: "We shall bring the political crisis to boiling point."

A violent crackdown on the opposition would destroy the progress Mr Milosevic had made abroad from that of bellicose nationalist to supporter of peace in Croatia and Bosnia. Violence would almost certainly rule out the removal of the so-called



Say it with flowers: A student makes a gesture of peace to a policeman during protests in Belgrade yesterday

sanctions against Serbia, which include denial of access to the International Monetary Fund and Organisation of Security and Cooperation in Europe (OSCE). Carl Bildt, the Swedish official in charge of civilian aspects of the Dayton peace settle-

that Mr Milosevic must refrain from violence against the opposition, since a political crisis Serbia could spread instability all over former Yugoslavia. "Violence would dramatically increase the distance between the regime in Belgrade and the international community," ment for Bosnia, said yesterday he added.

ways of keeping up pressure on that of Mr Milosevic. unity of Zajedno, a movement that includes liberals, nationalists and ex-nationalists, and a large trade union. Mr Djindjic and another opposition leader. democracy. Mr Djindjic says he Vuk Draskovic, once embraced supports political pluralism and

The problem for the Serbian a form of strident nationalism opposition is not only to find that seemed little different from to follow the example of coun-

tries such as Poland and Hungary since 1989 and transform Serbia into a free-market

Photograph: Darko Vojinovic/AP a law-based state and would re-

spect the Bosnian peace accord. Even if the opposition fails to believe they have inflicted irreparable damage on his image We have torn off his mask .. to show him as he really is - a small-time Balkan dictator, Mr Djindjie said.

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#### Rurmese students take commander to streets

At least 1,500 Burmese uni- The commander of Russia's versity students staged the sec-ond street demonstration in six weeks yesterday when they "actions incompatible with moved a peaceful sit-in his post, said he was protest to the streets of Ran-stunned by the news and goon. Among their demands denied any wrongdoing. Mr were that the government Yeltsin signed an order grant students more inde- sacking General Vladimir pendence and investigate po- Semyonov on Saturday "for

part in a sit-in at the Yangon Reuters - Moscow Rangoon] Institute of Technology (YTT) earlier in the day, before marching three miles to the gates of Rangoon University.

#### Africa drops Boutros Ghali

In a blow to United Nations Secretary-General Boutros Boutros Ghali's candidacy for a second term, the president of the Organisation of African Unity, Paul Biya, has said that African nations should drop their support for him and find new candidates for the top UN job because of American opposition to the Egyptian incumbent. On 19 November, Washington cast the lone negative vote against Mr Boutros Ghali in the 15-member UN council. AP - United Nations

#### French call the Zaire authorities to

waive the diplomatic immunity of their ambassador to Paris, Ramazani Baya, following his involvement in a fatal road accident 10 days ago. The ambassador was said to be driving 120km per hour in a 30km zone on 23 November when two adolescent boys were hit and

Mary Dejevsky – Paris

#### Russian forces 'stunned'

actions which discredit the Some of the students took honour ... of a serviceman"

#### Man admits **Briton deaths** A 26-year-old man

surrendered to police saying he was responsible for the murder of two British women in South Africa four years ago, police said. Julie Godwin, from Northampton. and Elizabeth Over, who lived in South Africa, were hacked to death on a deserted stretch of beach north of Sodwana Bay in 1992. Reiders - Durban

#### Fear in the West Bank

Yasser Arafat's Palestinian Authority has been involved in a growing number of human rights abuses over the past two years, Amnesty International said in a report. The practice has created a "climate of fear and intimidation" in the West Bank and Gaza Strip, TOP reverige the human rights group said.

France said that it would ask

AP - Gaza City

#### Kremlin man wins Moldova

Petru Lucinschi, who was once a leading communist official in the Kremlin, was elected president of Moldova after beating the former Soviet republic's first killed in the Riviera resort of post-independence leader. Menton. Mr Ramazani Baya Menton. Mr Ramazani Baya has already left for Kinshasa. has already left for Kinshasa.

# Rebel forces push deep into Zaire

David Orr

continuing to push westwards, driving the demoralised Zairean army (FAZ) before them. Missionaries evacuated from the area have reported looting and raping by Zairean troops fleeing north after the capture of a number of towns in the in-terior. The rebels, who are backed by neighbouring Rwanda, are committed to toppling the regime of the Zairean president, Mobutu Sese Seko.

A senior Zairean rebel commander said yesterday that rebels had entered Kisangani, the largest city in eastern Zaire, and were in control of parts of it. Commander John Kabunga, senior aide to the rebel leader Laurent Kabila, said in the town of Goma that rebel forces had reached Kisangani from the east by bypassing the interven-ing town of Walikale, where they had encountered difficulties. What started in October as a

localised self-defence campaign by a group of ethnic Tutsis has become a full-scale insurgency. The conflict, which has caused massive movements of panicstricken people, is increasingly threatening to ignite the whole of central Africa. Having accused Rwanda's first-led government of arming and fighting alongside the rebels, Zaire has turned on Uganda, seen by many as the most stable country in the region.

Uganda admits shelling the Zairean town of Kasindi which it says was occupied by rebels opposed to the Ugandan President, Yoweri Museveni. But it denies having crossed the bor-der and occupied part of Zaire.

Zaire says it will counter-attack, though how it proposes to tackle the well-trained Ugan-dan army, having failed to sup-press an uprising in its own back yard, is unclear. The Zairean government has repeatedly voiced its opposition to plans for the deployment of a foreign inletvention force in its eastern region, having lost control over it more than a month ago.

among them Britain, the United States and Germany, are due Rebels in eastern Zaire are to contribute to the multinational force which is being led by Canada. The scale of the intervention has been trimmed back radically in the face of widespread regional opposition and growing evidence that not so many refugees are at risk as was originally thought. The United Nations and aid

agencies have said that as many as 700,000 Rwandan refugees and Zairean civilians need to be rescued from eastern Zaire. having been uprooted by fighting. But Rwanda - on whose territory the international community originally wanted to base the intervention mission says few of its nationals remain in Zaire. Their claim is supported by United States satellite pictures which show only small concentrations of refugees still in eastern Zaire.

More than half a million Rwandan Hutus returned to Rwanda last month from eastern Zaire where they had lived in refugees camps for more than two years.

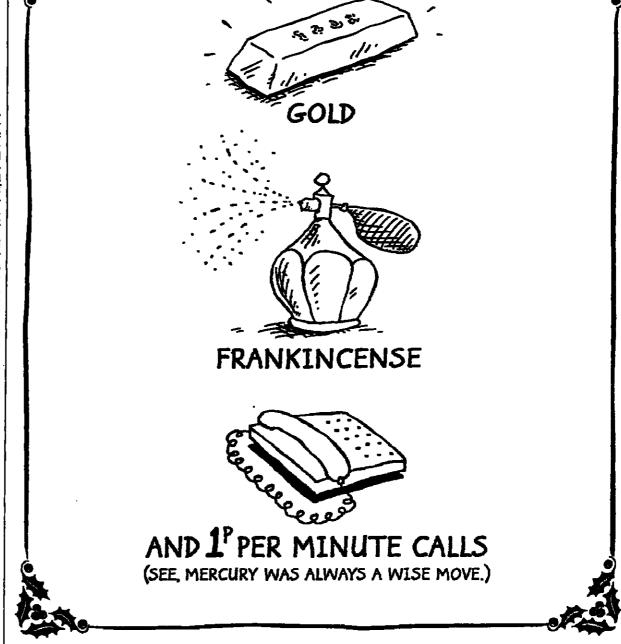
The intervention force has so far been unable to get convoys of food and medical aid to the refugees. Taking their cue from their Rwandan backers, the Zairean rebels say they will only allow a handful of multinational military personnel into the territory they control. The rebels fear that the presence of such a force could neutralise the amazing gains they continue to make against the FAZ and allied Rwandan Hutu militias.

The Canadian-led force has been considering airdrops of food to the refugees in eastern Zaire. So far, however, it has only been able to deliver a small consignment of aid to Tan-zania. Refugee camps there have recently swelled with an in-flux of Zaireans and Burundi-an Hutus fleeing eastern Zaire. Fighting in Burundi has flared up again in recent days.

with Hutn rebels reporting at-

tacks on Tutsi-led army positions

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ers were killed and 37 injured in the blast, which police say marks an upsurge in separatist violence in the

# Newswoman of wert: courage cuts through the lies

dipped her slice of cake-like bread into the dish of "meshoui", a thick paste of tomato, peppers and onions which the waiter had brought to our table with a flourish when Algeria's only female newspaper editor walked into his restaurant. She spoke quickly and quietly but with imase eloquence and courage breed - 69 have so far been shot, had their throats cut or been tortured to death - but Ms Ghezai could not be more alive, her ords as sharp as razor blades,

Was she afraid, we ask? She nods at us brightly. "Almost all the time. Some days I forget to be afraid. Today? I was afraid

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all last night but this morning I beautiful and everything was OK. Sometimes I try to con-vince myself that I'm a good Muslim so that I somehow get divine protection. It's very irrational, the way we build our psychological hopes. Sometimes there are days I phone my daughters or friends and we decide to say a prayer at the same time in the evening to create a kind of 'wave'. It's a game that's both serious and non-serious. It's completely irrational to create rites of this type - to prevent us saying to ourselves 'it comes when it comes'.

It - sudden and frightful death - gets banished to the edge of our conversation as Ms Ghezali, editor of the 60,000 circulation weekly La Nation, studies the menu of cheese pastries and traditional Algerian brique a l'oeuf pizzas. "I always have trouble deciding what to eat," she says suddenly. "The problem of making decisions begins when you are raised in a country where you have no choice about anything. My friends have the same problem - they have made political decisions but when faced with choices, they can't do anything!"

Ms Ghezali laughs at her own joke, a shake of the head turning the long red hair on her shoulders. A divorced mother of two. wild Mitidja hills before turning to journalism. She has been edearlier in wartime than in peaceime," she observes gently.

There are a lot of young people who could be good journalists in Algeria but they don't have the right training. They don't lie on purpose. But in a country like this, information is held exclusively by the authorities - and this gives them an extreme margin of manipulation that enables them to control the journalists and makes them lie here are honest, respectable people but when they are told, for example, that a man has been killed by the Islamic Armed Group - the GIA - the journalists have no means to check, so they go ahead and say

In the afternoon sunlight, Ms Ghezali's face clouds over. There are terrible means of placing psychological control on journalists here," she says. "At the beginning of the attacks on journalists and intellectuals, the security services provided them with video-cassettes which showed terrorists torturing and assassinating people, cutting their throats. I know these cassettes exist but I don't know where they are.

"The security authorities claim that the terrorists made it's an excellent way for the authorities to impress the people who are the conduit for information - that is, the journalists. I have spoken to some who have that, when you say the word 'political dialogue, they think you are a monster.

Talking to Ms Chezali is both an inspiring and deeply deessing. Inspiring because of her bravery, depressing because of her pessimism and because there are not many Salima Ghezalis in Algeria.

The winner of three international press awards, including the International Press Club's prize awarded to her in Spain in July this year, her paper was temporarily closed by the govstances for holding the presidential elections [which gave the presidency to General Liamine Zeroual] were not right. We said nothing would change. So they shut us down for two weeks. Unfortunately, we were right."

Last March, the government

closed La Nation again, this time for an article on Algerian human-rights violations. "The whole issue was seized. Two weeks later, we were banned again because of an article about the 'self-defence' militias, even though Amnesty International had said the same thing. The only news that the regime lets through is news that's in its favour. We can get scoops but we can't print them. That's why we decided to publish analysis instead ... but everything that's outside the system has already been swept away, and if a newspaper like La Nation can continue to exist, it's because we are prepared as well to work with-

tion's editor to her office to collect this week's edition, through the crowded downtown streets with their eternal, watching, unsmiling men. "It's a job that's intellectually very frustrating," she says. "On a weekly, you have to explain all the lies that have been told all week so you can explain what you want to say. No one has ever called us in to discuss our line but we know what we can't write. It's com-

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# Argentina steps up search for Nazi submarine

Phil Davison Latin America Correspondent

It is an image that has fascinated and haunted Argentines since the end of the Second World War - Nazi officers dropped

from U-boats, wading ashore with suitcases of gold ingots and disappearing into the night to take up new identities.

Adolf Eichmann, Josef Mengele and Martin Bormann were among those who fied to South America, aided by a network partly fictionalised by Frederick Forsyth in *The Odessa File*, to

be welcomed by such leaders as Juan Domingo Peron.
Now, Argentina's President, Carlos Menem, has pledged to back efforts to prove the stories were true.

At the weekend he said the government would provide technology to try to find a U-boat believed to be embedded in shallow waters near the southern port of San Antonio. The navy and coastguard would

join the search. Locals say they saw the submarine arrive in an area known as Parrot's Cove, disgorge groups of shadowy figures and disappear. Jewish community leaders believe the Nazis were carrying gold and other trea-sures, much of it looted from

victims of the Holocaust.
The U-boat has been spotted a few times since during par-ticular weather conditions and low tides, and by a pilot, Mario Chironi, 15 years ago. He flew over the same area at the weekend to guide divers but so far they have found nothing. A local paper broke the sto

ry when it published a photo-graph of the boat said to have been taken when it arrived in the cove, 1,300 miles south of Buenos Aires. It got the picture from a member of a neo-Nazi group while researching a series

on such groups activities. A San Antonio resident, Gisella Bochi de Paesani, said she saw the submarine in 1945 when she looked out of her window to rest her eyes from knitting. "It disappeared soon afterwards, then I heard a plane go over, perhaps looking for the submarine."

Jewish sources said some of the Nazi booty arrived as gold, carried by hand or laundered through Swiss banks by melting and remoulding, while much also came in bank transfers via the "Fvita trail" the "Evita trail."

The sources said that Peron sent his then lover, Eva Duarte - later to be his wife, "Evita" - to Switzerland to arrange





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# Euro strikes fear of poverty into Bavaria

Rusenheim — Jabbing a thumb lowards Italy, just 50 miles across the mountains, a shop neward in a small electronics actory speaks of "fear". People f Rosenheim, a German borer town, are afraid of the uro, Rudi Neumeier says.

And with the news that Italy light join the single currency, nefear has deepened. There is till of a strike in his factory, and gioving unrest in the town.

Sonn says the euro will be

god for us. But the people here belive monetary union is dan-genus. Nobody thinks the euro wilbe as strong as the mark, espeally if countries like Italy are in. And now the bosses want to tal: away our sickness benefits," heaid, holding up a contract wich he says is being broken.

ver at Rosenheim town

ha, the message is the same. Tople are becoming more an more afraid of this euro. Thy don't understand what it wi mean," said Horst Rankle, a scal official, who complains tht the expensive Brussels sæty rules closed down a local

slughter house.
We in the towns are having to cut our spending because Enn needs to meet the Maasteht rules. We cannot build our cw kindergarten, and maintain ar historic monuments. And cdinary people think they are bing asked to carry too much f the burden of the euro on neir shoulders. They are realscared - much more than a

ear ago."
It is hard to believe that such 1security can be taking hold in his prosperous, picture post-ard corner of southern avaria, where winter visitors bowse in lavish stores, and te only rumblings normally hard are from the trail of gi-at trucks heading up to the Benner Pass.

Europe's leaders talk of gettilg closer to "the citizens", but hae so far ignored the citizens' dubts about the euro. In the rul-up to the crucial Dublin summit of European Union helds of government next week, roa, and nowhere more so that in the powerful German "fre state" of Bavaria.

Charcellor, is forced to slam on the uro brakes, ahead of the

In the first of three reports, Sarah Heim assesses how Europe's most prosperous regions view monetary union

which carries out nearly 60 per

cent of its trade with Italy, the



federal elections in 1998, it will be partly thanks to pressure from Bavaria. Most people here believe the single currency will come eventually, but hope it will not be for several years.

Public awareness of the impact of a single currency is bound to be most acute in Europe's frontier regions, where cross-border economic ties are



an everyday reality. Rome's decision last week to rejoin the exchange rate mechanism, seen as a serious effort to make the grade for European monetary union (Emu), reverberated across the Alpine frontiers of Italy, Austria and Germany.

It might seem logical that here close ties would produce most support for the euro. Bavaria is lowest unemployment in Germany. In the Munich boardrooms of BMW or Siemens, the Helmut Kohl, the German company directors who have so trade say that a stable euro must are issuing from Munich. Theo

be good for exports. In Bavaria,

prospect of a more stable lira, tied into a single currency, should have been welcomed. Bavarian milk in tankers pours through Alpine tunnels every day, and returns as Italian cheese. Ordinary Bavarians should welcome the convenience of the euro. They have always been the first to seek to profit from the cheap lira, travelling to Italy for bargain holidays, and flocking across to Italy's south Ty-

But now that the mark seems threatened by Rome's desire to join Emu, this proximity produces little fellow feeling. Intimate knowledge of the lira's ups and downs has only confirmed Bavarian suspicion of the weaker currency, which they believe will enfeeble the euro and sink

rol for goods after the last lira

Bavaria may be rich, but it sees no reason why it should get poorer for the sake of Emu. Germany may not have Italy's "Euro tax" - a measure pro-posed by Romano Prodi, the Italian Prime Minister, to reduce his budget deficit - but new budget cuts imposed by Mr Kohl to bring the German finances into line amount to just such a tax in many eyes. Bavarian metal workers are

threatening an all-out strike in the spring over cuts in sickness and holiday pay, and paranoia about new cuts in Christmas pay and pensions was evident in Rosenheim. Bavarian jobs with companies such as BMW are already going outside Europe to countries in Asia and eastern Europe, where costs are cheaper, the unions say.

"If Europe means that the standards of the workers are all raised to the highest level then it is good." Rudi Neumeier says. "But, instead, we see our els in Italy, Portugal and Spain." It is no coincidence that Ger-

many's toughest demands for maintaining strict economic crisuccessfully globalised Bavaria's teria for membership of Emu

Waigel, the hard-line German finance minister, who devised the so-called "stability pact", a controversial system of rules and fines for Emu members which will be discussed at Dublin, is a Bavarian.

"We can have no tricks - no creative accounting," Erwin Huber, the Bavarian finance minister, said. Mr Huber says openly that the euro cannot go ahead without the support of the people. "There can be no point of no return."

Edmund Stoiber, the rightwing president of Bavaria, whose CSU party is a partner with Mr Kohl's ruling CDU, has come close to calling for a de-lay. Unlike most German politicians, Mr Stoiber, of a younger generation than Helmut Kohl, sees nothing taboo in Euroscepticism. He is at present

'Ordinary people feel they are being asked to carry too much of the burden of the euro'

leading Bavaria's fight with the European Court over a ruling that it illegally gave state aid to Mazhuette, the local steel com-pany. Mr Stoiber sees Europe not as another "United States" but a "federation of regions".

Furthermore, he knows that attacking Brussels can bring in the votes. Just across the border in Austria, Jorg Haider's extreme right Freedom Party recently won 27.6 per cent of the vote in European Parliament elections, playing an anti-Emu card. In Bavaria not only are fears of the euro deepening, but national currencies are abolished without time to prepare could alienate opinion against political union too.



Image of tranquillity: Prosperous Bavaria may be, but insecurity is taking hold as the citizens feel increasingly that their doubts about Emu are being ignored

#### German racist thugs jailed

Imre Karacs

Two neo-Nazis were vesterday jailed by a Potsdam court for a racist attack on three black Britons which left one paralysed. The incident in June in Mahlow, south of Berlin, exposed persistent xenophobia in the former east Germany and the indifference of local forces of law and order. For three weeks, police in Brandenburg made little effort to catch the culprits. Their attention was finally drawn to the attack by reports in the Berlin Tageszeitung. and the investigation of an official dealing with foreigners.

The culprits were then easily identified, boasting as they were of their exploits at the place which they usually frequent- the Mahlow railway

That was where the chase began on that June night. Shouting "nigger", they pursued the Britons as they tried to drive away. One of the skinheads, Mario Pötter, 24, threw a brick through the rear window; the car swerved and hit a tree.

Noel Martin, 36, a labourer from Birmingham, was paral-ysed from the neck down. The passengers, Michael Ricketts and Washington Gladstone, escaped with light injuries.

We are ashamed of the many cases of blind xenophobia in Brandenburg," said the judge, Claus Przybilla. "I hope this verdict will shake up the people of Brandenburg," he added, jailing Potter for eight years and Sandro Ristau, 18, for

Both admitted to mixing with neo-Nazis, though they denied belonging to any party. They were convicted of grievous hodily harm after the prosecutor failed to make a case for attempted murder.

Organised racist attacks have abated in east Germany but foreigners are still the target of random violence. Two weeks ago an Oranienburg, near Berlin, for the murder of another British building worker. Lee Haw-thorn, in 1994. He allegedly tied Mr Hawthorn to his car and dragged him for five miles.

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Bernard Rose was one of the giants of English choral music in the post-war era. He was one of the defining choir trainers of his generation, a larger-than-life, chain-smoking, colourful, rumbustious personality, who took his choir at Magdalen College, Oxford, to new heights and did much to assist the upsurge in wider choral and cathedral music standards which has since followed.

Initially a Cambridge man at the age of 18 he won an organ scholarship to St Catharine's College (over Edward Heath, who went on to get Balliol) - Rose was a fast achiever. He received his early grounding in harmony and counterpoint, at which he later excelled as a teacher, from Walter Alcock at Salisbury, at the Royal College, and from Hubert Middleton at Trinity, Cambridge, and had already made a name for himself as conductor of CUMS, the Cambridge University Music Society, and at the Queen's College, Oxford, where he was tutor in music from 1939 to 1957, before progressing to Magdalen. But his 24 years there as Fellow, Organist and Informator Choristarum were to prove the high point of his career.

Rose started as he meant to go on, inheriting Dudley Moore as his first organ scholar and clearing out the stables, replacing the last lay clerks with undergraduate choral scholars (Academical Clerks) and making rapid improvements in the standard of choral evensong, the service which was the Magdalen chapel's lifeblood.

Seeking the best for the college, he was never sparing of himself. He built on and developed Magdalen's extensive repertoire, one of the largest and most varied anywhere in the country; established a uniquely vigorous and dramatic manner of psalm-singing; and insisted on the highest standards and precision of enunciation. He was more instinctive than systematic in his approach, and could be more than prickly where standards were not delivered, but generations of boys and men have cause to be grateful for his meticulous, impassioned, and at best inspired, direction.

There were many defining points in Rose's long career. The first was probably the death of his father when he himself was aged three, which may have had something to do with the patent insecurity and vulnerability which drove him later on, and the extremes of intolerance, warmth and gen-

In the stress of battle one inci-

dent will sometimes reveal the

character of the soldier. In Aden

in 1967 just such an incident oc-

curred, revealing much about the

a rumour spread that four

colonels of the South Arabian

army had been arrested and dis-

missed. The South Arabian

army rioted and fired off shots

which were heard in a nearby

Arab police barracks in Cham-

pion Lines, directly opposite

Radsan Camp, which was oc-cupied by British forces. The

Arab police assumed that the

British had opened fire on the

South Arab army and started to

fire indiscriminately across the

road. A three-ton vehicle with

19 British soldiers on board, un-

aware of the shooting, passed

between the two camps. The

Arab police opened fire and

nine soldiers were killed.

On the morning of 20 June

then Major David Miller.

erosity which epitomised his dealings with people. The death led to a move with his mother to Salisbury, where he became a leading boy chorister in the Alcock years, and possessed a solo voice of such calibre and renown that he was lined up as standby for what became the famous Ernest Lush recording of Mendelssohn's Hear My Prayer. With the support of Walter

Alcock he progressed to the Royal College of Music and then Cambridge, where he received close encouragement from Boris Ord and Patrick ("Paddy") Hadley, who also helped financially. His success at CUMS led directly to the interest of Sir Adrian Boult, who invited him to Quaker's Orchard, his Surrey home, to meet other conductors, and paved the way for a job offer from the BBC. In the end, Rose stayed with the academic life for which he was cut out, and accepted an offer to become tutor in music at Queen's, moving to Oxford and settling into a college hostel on the liftley Road. His world was in upheaval,

anyway, in two ways. In 1938 he had met, and by Christmas 1939 had married, Molly Marshall, moving then to their first joint home in Norham Gardens. He also signed up for the Royal Armoured Corps. typically fell out with his commanding officer on a point of principle, and transferred from the Northants and later 4th County of London Yeomanry. In due course he was posted to Cairo and fought with the "Desert Rats" in the campaign of El Alamein before being transferred from North Africa to Italy. His wife meanwhile piloted for ATA, the Air Transport Auxiliary. The comradeship of these war years was something which coloured each of their outlooks, and the value they jointly placed on hospitality and friendship,

The D-Day campaign in northern France proved more traumatic. By then promoted captain and regimental adjutant. Rose landed unscathed at Arromanches, only to see his unit carved to pieces by the German tank gunners and artillery a few days later at Villers-Bocage. He was taken prisoner, and spent the remainder of the war as a POW in central Germany.

Returning to Oxford, where he later became the first official Fellow in Music at Queen's, Rose threw himself into his duties with undisguised aplomb. For the Eglesfield Musical Society he conducted major premieres of works by Vaughan Williams, and by his friend

C Company of 1 King's Own

Border Regiment, under Miller's

command, was ordered by Lt-

Col Mike Walsh (commanding

officer of the 1st Parachute

Battalion) to get into Champi-

on Lines, restore order and pro-tect the lives of the few British

personnel serving with the Arab

police. This was a tough task, for

C Company had to cross 300

yards of open desert from the

camp, in the face of fire, which

they were unable to return.

At 10.45am C Company

Casualties were a certainty.

moved off and almost immedi-

ately the machine-gumner on the

and a further eight men wound-

ed. Miller, regardless of the dan-ger, pressed home the assault.

Once in Champion Lines, his

men quickly restored order

without having to inflict casualties. Later Walsh was to write:

"The restraint and discipline of

leading vehicle was shot dead

and departmental colleague

Rose was fortunate in encountering early on a clutch of pupils, some seeking him out from other colleges, of the highest calibre. Kenneth Leighton, later Professor of Music at Edinburgh and a noted composer, was one of these, and went on to become a close personal friend. Another, unexpected, spin-off from Queen's was Rose's encounter, and subsequent longstanding friendship, with the conductor

Leopold Stokowski. By now a family had come along (three sons) and the Roses were happily ensconced out-Bernard could indulge his passion for cricket, for a time cantaining the local team. In parallel with his music, Rose was a natural craftsman, and loved working with wood, a skill which he put to good effect in the beautifully restored family homes both there and at nearby Appleton. Many a chorister or colleague enjoyed the ben-efits of the Roses' channing, and sometimes riotous, hospitality. Bernard also took a growing in-terest in the City of Oxford Silver Band, which he conducted, and of which he was later a keen President for 10 years.

But it was for his quartercentury as organist of Magdalen that Bernard Rose will be most remembered. The calibre of his boys was a testimony in itself. He set about his work with the choir with a passion, and single-handedly created one of the finest singing vehicles in the country, capable on a good day of matching St John's or King's his own old university of Cambridge, and of enjoying an ongoing friendly rivalry with his friend David Lumsden's New College choir, just up the road.

Rose's approach was ever robust. He could generate the most appailing tensions in a boys' or men's practice, only to coax from them - and from himself - minutes later in a service. the most surpassing, moving and committed performances. On bad days he would join in the singing, embarrassingly, or overawe and cow his charges so that they sung mesmerised, making errors all over the shop. At other times he was sweetness and light itself, bringing a delicate sense of inspired musical phrasing to Renaissance or Romantic repertoire alike, and illuming the Magdalen psalms into a musical masterpiece, and a genuine, tasteful act of worship and

This was never more so than

that company was outstanding, and I believe also that both the

police and army were deeply im-

pressed by that action, for it did

much to restore their respect for

British troops," Miller was awarded a Military Cross.

1931 in Essex. After schooling

David Miller was born in



evensong consisted of his own music. Rose made no special claims for his output, but his compositions had stamped upon them the clear mark of a miniaturist master-craftsman. His responses and psalm chants alone were exemplary - indeed, the Magdalen chantbook which Rose evolved over the years was one of his finest achievements. But his Evening Canticles, especially the littleknown unaccompanied Short Service, his shorter anthems and longer pieces - notably the Feast Song for St Cecilia, with its haunting soprano solo setting words by his son (the conductor, Gregory Rose) and the Catharine Ode, composed for the quincentenary of his old college - all bear witness to hisalertness, imagination and gen-

Rose's natural habitats were the organ loft, practice room and his teaching room (the atmosphere peppered alternate-ly by guffaws, biting sarcasm and

in Loughton he went on to

Sandburst, from where he was

commissioned into the Border

Regiments in 1951 and served

with them in Egypt. From 1953

to 1955 he trained National Ser-

vicemen at Carlisle Castle. In

1957 he was appointed to Spe-

cial Intelligence duties in Berlin

and in 1960 seconded to the Nig-

erian military forces. While

there, he passed the examination

for Staff College, Camberley,

and after graduating became a

Staff Officer (Training) at GHQ

After attending the Joint Services Staff College in 1970,

Miller took command of 1 King's Own Border Regiment for their resident tour of North-

ern Ireland. During Operation

Motorman, the "No Go" areas

of the Creggan in Londonder-

ry meant little to 600 Cumbri-

an soldiers ably led by Miller.

However, he did have a near

Far East Land Forces.

uine inspiration in writing for

choir.

Maj-Gen David Miller

unmentionable oaths). He was also, however, a distinguished editor of church music. His edition of Musica Deo Sacra in the "Early English Church Music" series is a model of its kind, and pays tribute to a composer whose music, in manuscript or printed form, was a staple item of Magdalen College evensongs. He nursed many other early composers, some of them his predecessors, into the repertory - Nicholson, Rogers, Appleby, Sheppard, Daniel Purcell. It was undoubtedly a tribute to him that so many

stemmed, directly or indirectly, from the pioneering efforts he himself made with the Magdalen choir. Rose's almost Yorkshire plain speaking could lead him to say things he would afterwards come to regret, and even earn him enemies; but his self-

drive, his catalystic flair, his oc-

miss when an IRA bomb ex-

ploded under his Land Rover.

directing staff of the National

Defence College, then went on

to the Ministry of Defence

where he was responsible for

monitoring Warsaw Pact activ-

ities by Nato and the British

Army of the Rhine. In 1978 he

returned to Northern Ireland to

command the ever-expanding

Ulster Defence Regiment. He

led them well and was particu-

larly supportive of the female

members of the regiment, the

From 1980 to 1983 Miller was

Chief of Staff BAOR, and in

1984 was promoted Major-

General and posted to the spe-cialised and semi-diplomatic

role of Chief of Staff and head

of the UK delegation at Sup-

reme HQ Allied Powers Eu-

rope. He was Colonel of his

beloved King's Own Border

"Green Finches".

Following this, he joined the

ground-breaking choral groups

Sixteen, the Tallis Scholars -

- the Clerkes of Oxenforde, the

with whom he formed a bond of mutual trust and respect made him many friends also. He remained the firebrand he was, even though late in life he was lagued by breathing difficulties. if cathedral and church music in England now stand on a peak in the world, he deserves full recognition as one of the people who put it there. Roderic Dunnett

and his fierce loyalty to those

Bernard William George Rose, organist: born Little Hallingbury, Henfordshire 9 May 1916: Organist, Queen's College, Oxford 1939-57, Fellow 1949-57; Pellow, Organist, Informator Choristanum, Magdalen College, Oxford 1957-81 (Fellow Emeri-tus), Vice-President 1973-74 University Lecturer in Music, Oxford University 1950-81, Chor-agus in the University 1958-63; President, Royal College of Organists 1974-76; OBE 1980; married 1939 Molly Marshall (three sons); died 21 November

when he retired from the Army.

Devon. At 55 with his back-

He lived thereafter in north

Regiment from 1981 to 1986.

ground and understanding of favourable treatment." men and women he was ideally suited to his new task of magistrate and was also on the board

of prison visitors. He took an active role in two family businesses and held a part-time post in inburgh of the AEU at the age November 1996. the French firm Gracemoor. David Miller was a charis matic man and a fine and compassionate leader of men respected by all ranks. That short, fiercely contested 300-

courage and commitment. Max Arthur

David Edwin Miller, soldier: born 17 August 1931; OBE 1973, CBE 1980; CB 1986: married 1958 Mary Fisher (two sons); died

yard dash in Aden typified his

qualities: inspired leadership,

#### Ernie Leslie

Few jobs have been more undervalued by society than those of the full-time trade union officer at regional level. Owing to the pressures of out-of-hours branch meetings trade union officers can go for long periods without so much as an evening at home to themselves. All kinds of brickbats hurtle in their direction. They get little gratitude. And yet, time and again, they are the unsung heroes whose patience and, often, valour keep British industry going vithout catastrophic disruption.

Such a one was Emie Leslie, a full-time official of the Amalgamated Engineering Union (AEU) and, as it became in 1985, the Amalgamated Union of En-gineering Workers (AUEW) for 37 years. It is my opinion, as his local MP, and that of Sir Gavin aird, general secretary of AUEW, a member of the Court of the Bank of England and much else, that had it not been for Leslie's guts and persistence in the early 1970s the British Leyland truck and tractor plant at Bathgate, then the biggest machine shop under one roof in Europe, would have closed, depriving central Scot-land of 15 years of vital employment for 6,000 men before the coming of Silicon Glen.

Laird describes Leslie as "an old-fashioned type of trade union officer with estimable qualities. His job was to look after the membership. He never shrank from telling them unpopular things if the unpopular was the truth and in their interest. He never sought popularity. In these circumsta was consistently elected and reelected because members understood that he was operating in their real interests. Leslie for his part understood that business had to be profitable and efficient in order to provide work."

Ernie Leslie was born in 1920 in Leith, the port of Edinburgh, into a skilled craftsman's family. He had a sound education at Leith Academy for which he was always grateful. Later in life he would raise some left-wing eyebrows by saying that the belt for not getting his maths right, let alone cheek in class, made it possible for him to reach a standard that won

him a skilled apprenticeship. At 16, he joined Miller's Marine Engineers and showed aptitude as a calibration mechanic. One consequence of this rare stal was that Leslie found himself in a reserved occupation during the Second World War, though he was to work through the German bombing of Hull docks, mending the steering mechanisms of damaged ships. In a long-running dispute about killed pay differe AEU colleague, the late Alec Ferry, general secretary of the Confederation of Shipbuilding and Engineering Unions, told me: "One thing you must always remember about Ernie is that he is an extremely talented mechanic himself and will always in any dispute uphold the claims

A chance meeting with John Boyd, later to be the legendary and controversial general secretary of the engineering union,

of skilled craftsmen for

of 28. This post he held for 17 years during which there were massive changes and decline in the once famous Edinburgh printing industry. In 1965 he was appointed divisional organise for the east of Scotland.

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These were turbulent time in the union, with bitter an highly personal differences he tween Right and Left. In ger eral terms Leslie was a cog 1 the right-wing machine but is close colleague Ronnie O'Byte recalls that, precisely because Boyd had recruited him, Bod was fizzing with rage whin Leslie had told him that he arported unilateral nuclear dsarmament. "Leslic was try much his own man." much his own man." sys O'Byrne. "I served on theid-inburgh and Falkirk Disjut Committee with him and aw him in action." In the Nathal Committee, which heattended diligently for 20 yers, Leslie was a loyal if not alomatic supporter of Bill Caren, the right-wing president ofhe union. He had many informed and constructive vis as to what the union sheld do to promote training education among its member. Leslie was very human inlis

personal relations, which te conducted with a sense of itmour. His attitudes are encysulated by his treatment of ic leaders of the women's sign strike at the Plessey factoryn 1982. Mrs Ina Scott recalls tis celebrated episode when women, beds and all, slept I weeks in the Bathgate factor



Leslie: 'very much his own min

fighting not for pay but for seir jobs and against the closur of a once proud plant. Many weks into the strike, John SmithMP for North Lanark, later leder of the Labour Party, and had come - as we did weekly, s local MPs - to give them suport. An hour later Leslie turnel up: and told the women to stop the sit-in and get back home Unceremoniously he was hounded off the premises by the angry ladies. But before he left, no hard feelings, he did whathe had give the strike leaders his tips for the dog racing (on which he was no mean authority). Leslie had a disarning charm

in dealing with angrymembers. Tan Daiyeli

George Ernest Lesle, engincer

and trade union official: born Leith 15 June 1921; divisional organiser, AEU/AVEW, Edinburgh and East of Scotland Dis-trict 1965-85; IBE 1979; married 1942 Dort Tracy (died 1980; four daughtes), 1982 Lauled to Leslie's being offered the ra Buist (one step on, one step-job of district secretary for Eddaughter); died Edinburgh 2?

#### Patience Edney

Miles Tomalin did not die in Spain, as Martin Green asserts in his obituary of Patience Edney [2 December], writes Claire Tomalin. He did indeed fight with the International Brigade, and went back in 1981 with a group of fellow veterans, returning to the battlefields for the recovered, returned to Englad first time since they had been and lived several more years

driven out in December 1938. During this visit he suffered a heart attack. The Spanish hispital doctors and nurses, leafaing that he had served with he Brigade, cared for him with seh dedication and enthusiasm tet, although he was nearing 80, je

#### Births, & Deaths

DEATHS

GARDRE MEDWIN: Margaret, widow of Robert and mother of David,
Andrew, Tony and Christopher, 28
November 1996, after a short illness,
Funeral at St Bridget's Church, West
Karby, Wirral, at 1.15pm on Friday 6
December, and afterwards at Frankby Cemetery. Family flowers only,
please, donations if desired to Birkdale School for Hearing Impaired
Children, Birkdale PRS 21Y.

IN MEMORIAM

STINTON: A year has passed, Frank, but you still guide me in so much that I do. Simply the best. Nigel.
STINTON: Frank A wunderful friend always there. Tony.

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Lectures

National Gallery: Helen Langdon, "Cruel Cuts (i): Caravaggio and the Severed Head", Ipm. Tate Gallery: Sarah Kent, "Turne Prize Gallery Talk". 1pm. British Museum: Jonathan Tubb, 'Archaeology in Jordan (iii): latest re-sults from the BM excavations at Tell RIBA Architecture Centre, London W1: Daniel Libeskind talks about his

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Birthdays

Professor E.W. Abel, President, Royal Society of Chemistry, 65; Mr Trevor Bailey, former England cricketer, 73; Mr Ralph Bennett, former chairman, London Transport, 73; Professor Ian Butterworth, former Principal, Queen Mary and Westfield College, London, 66; Mr Charles Craig, operatic tenor, 77; Mr Mike Gibson, former rugby international, 54; M Jean-Luc Godard, film director, 66; Sir William Harpham, former ambassador, 90; Professor Geoffrey Kirk. Emeritus Professor of Greek, Cambridge University, 75; Mr Franz Klammer, skier, 43; Mr David Mc-Call, chairman, Anglia Television, 62: Mr Ralph McTell, guitarist, 52; Miss Tanya Moiseiwitsch, designer for the theatre, 83; The Rev Professor Charles Moule, theologian, 88; Mr Paul Nicholas, actor and singer, 51; Mr Victor Pasmore, artist, 88; Mr Robert Phillis, deputy Director-General BBC, and chairman, BBC Worldwide, 51; Mr Mel Smith, actor and comedian, 44; Professor Peter Toyne, Vice-Chancellor, Liverpool John Moores University, 57; Mr Andy Williams, singer, 66.

Anniversaries Births: Nicolo Amati, violin-maker, 1596; Johann Franz Xaver Sterkel,

ROYAL ENGAGEMENTS

priest, pianist and composer, 1750; muel Crompton, inventor of the inning mule, 1753; Robert Bloomspinning mule, 1753; Robert Bloom-field, shoemaker and poet, 1766; Sir Rowland Hill, originator of the penny post, 1795; Frederic Leighton, penny post, 1795; Frederic Leighton, first Baron Leighton, painter and sculptor, 1830; Octavia Hill, pinlanthropist, 1838; Joseph Conrad (Jósef Teodor Konrad Nalecz Korzeniowski), novelist, 1857; Anton Friedrich Wilhelm von Webern, composer 1883; Rajendra Prasad, first presiden of India, 1884. Deaths: St Francis Xavier, missionary, 1552; Alessandro Furnese, third Duke of Parma, mil-itary commander, 1592; Jacques Sarrazin, painter and sculptor, 1660; Robert Louis Balfour Stevenson, novelist, 1894; Mary Baker Eddy, founder of Christian Science, 1910; Pierre-Anguste Renoir, painter, 1919; Sir Oswald Ernald Mosley, Fascist leader, 1980. On this day: in America, the New Jersey Gazette was issued in Burlington, 1776; Mauritius was captured from the French by the captured from the French by the British, 1810; the newly-built Alhambra Theatre opened in Lon-don, 1883; the first public trial of a rotor wind-power system for ships was held at Kiel, Germany, 1924; the present and fourth Adelphi Theatre opened in the Strand, London, 1930; the Strante of Homesimes were

the Statute of Westminster was passed, under which British Domin-

the Crown, 1931; the Home Guard "stood down" with a parade of 7,000 in Hyde Park, London, 1944; Dr Christiaan Barnard performed the first heart transplant, South Africa 1967. Today is the Feast Day of St Cassian of Tangier, Saints Claudius, Hilaria and their Companions, St Francis Xavier and St Lucius of

Dinners Inter-Parilamentary Union --

British Group Dame Jill Knight MP, Chairman, In-Dame In Kinght Mr. Chanman, in-ter-Parliamentary Union - British Group, hosted a dinner yesterday evening at Shepherd's Restauran, London SWL, in honour of a Par-liamentary Delegation from Bollvia led by Mr Georg Prestel, President of the Chamber of Deputies.

Royal Over-Seas League Mrs Joanna Bogle was the guest speaker at a meeting of the Royal Over-Seas League's Discussion Cir-cie held yesterday evening at Over-Seas House, St James's, London SWI. Her subject was "Ethics, the Church and the Current Trend To-

Changing of the Guard

wards a Decline in Morality". Mrs Mairi Redcliff presided.

Cutter v Eagle Star Insurance Co Ltd; Court of Appeal (Lord Justice Beldam, Lord Justice

Morritt, Sir John Balcombe) 22 November 1996

A multi-storey car park was a "road" within the meaning of sections 145(3)(a) and 192 of the Road Traffic Act 1988, and an accidental injury to a passenger in a car there was a risk was awarded damages and against which the driver was required to insure himself, and in respect of which the driver's insurers were obliged to satisfy any judgment obtained against

The Court of Appeal allowed an appeal by the plainriff, Stuart Richard Cutter. Judge Kee, sitting in Tunbridge Wells County Court on 21 September 1995, who dismissed his claim against Eagle Star Insurance Co Ltd.

Eagle Star were the insurers of a driver, Mr Penniel, in whose car the plaintiff was injured. The car was parked in Great Hall multi-storey car park, Mount Pleasant Road, funbridge Wells. Mr Penniel had left in the car a can of lighter fuel which had leaked section 145. Section 145(3)(a) inflammable gas. After re-required that such a policy

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turning to the car and before driving off, Mr Penniel lit a cigarette, igniting the gas and causing a fire in which the plaintiff, sitting in the plaintiff, sitting in the plaintiff, sitting in the plaintiff, was invested by or arising out of, the use of the vehicle on a road... cigarette, igniting the gas and causing a fire in which the plaintiff, sitting in the

passenger seat, was injured. The plaintiff claimed and costs against Mr Penniel But the judgment was not satisfied. The plaintiff therefore claimed against the insurers for the outstanding sum of £15,575.54. The judge dismissed the claim on the ground that the accident had not occurred on a

Richard Barraclough (Mary Rostred & Co, Ambridge Wells) for the plaintiff; Charles Cory-Wright (C.M. Sinclair Jenkins, Eagle Star) for the insurers.

road.

Lord Justice Beldam said the plaintiff relied on section 151 of the 1988 Act, under which an insurer was under a duty to satisfy a judgment obtained against a person insured for third party risks in respect of a liability required to be covered by a policy of insurance under

3 December 1996

Section 192 of the Act defined "road" as "any highway and any other road to which the public has access". The definition was clearly intended to include roads which were not highways but to exclude roads to which the public did not have access. Here it was conceded that if Great Hall car park was

a road, then it was one to which the public had access. Relying principally on crite-tia laid down by Kilner-Brown J in Oxford v Austin [1981] RTR 416, the judge considered that the question whether the car park was a road depended on whether or not there was "a de-

finable way between two points over which vehicles could pass". It seemed to his Lordship that too much emphasis had been placed on seeking to answer the question: "Is the car park a road?" The question would more correctly be posed

Insurer must pay for accident in car park by asking: "Is there within th car park a roadway?"

In this case there was within Great Hall car park a roadway, i.e. a way marked out for the passage of vehicles controlled by conventional traffic signs and markings and regularly used by members of the public seeking a car-parking Space.

The risk of accidents causing injury arising out of the use was scarcely less than on any

other mad. The fact that the car was being driven to or from a parking space, as opposed to using the way through the area in question as a route from one road to another, ought not to decide whether or not an injured person was paid the com-pensation for which he had

Obtained judgment. The areas in Great Hall car park marked out for the passage and parking of vehicles were therefore within the definition of "road" in section 192, and the insurers were bound under section 151 to meet the judgment against Mr

Paul Magrath, Barrister

# Democracy the cure for classroom malaise

unny how the people who most dislike pupils sueing their schools for bad exam results are also the noisiest in proclaiming the virtues of the market. Surely the two teenagers who are demanding damages from the school which failed to get them through enough GCSEs merely want to provide all "failing" schools with a market disincentive, in the form of large financial penalties, to raise standards? Instead of being praised for their initiative and public-spiritedness, however, they are condemned for trying to lead us further into an American "litigation culture".

There is an element, and not just on the right of politics, which objects to financially-rewarded whingeing. They argue that, as with the compensation for the police officers traumatised at Hillsborough, this case could lead us from the sad to the silly, defined for these purposes as the woman in the United States who sued McDonald's for making its coffee bot, after she tried to hold the cup between her knees while driving. But the free marketeers have a strong argument. The best way to enforce rights and responsibilities, they say, is to make people pay for

failing to live up to them. What is wrong with bludgeoning education authorities into defining what their schools are supposed to achieve and concentrating efforts and resources on the poor performers? If the education chiefs are "horrified" at

the prospect of 70 former pupils queuing up to sue schools which have been condemned by inspectors, will this not give them a real incentive to do something the causes of poor schools? An honest free marketeer would decline the temptation to crack jokes at the expense of lawyers, and instead accept that they are only the mechanism for enforcing contracts - in this case, implied contracts - between individuals, corporations and the state. An honest free marketeer would insist that there is nothing wrong with a litigation culture. After all, litigation is simply citizens asserting their rights in a way that actually has some bite, including their right to properly run public services.

If people had not been able to sue in the wake of the King's Cross fire and Zeebrugge, would London Under-ground and the ferry operators now be so concerned about safety? There are complications and anomalies, such as the McDonald's coffee ruling, and the fact that dead people cannot suffer damages. But, in circumstances where the courts may not be able to instruct service providers to tighten up their safety procedures, the threat of claims for damages may be the only effective and constant pressure for safety in public buildings, public transport and public services. Litigation pressure, indeed, might provide Citizen's Charter commitments some real teeth.

So, honest marketeer, what is the



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problem with all of this? The problem is that the free market is not, in practice, the sole arbiter of value. In the case of children suing their former schools, the honest free marketeer would push the idea of legally-enforceable contracts beyond the logical extreme. Most lawyers seem to agree (unusual in itself, this) that the two 17year-olds, who are retaking their GCSEs at sixth-form college, have a slim chance of success. In the jargon, their problem is one of multiple causation. In plain English, the plaintiffs have to prove to the court that their poor exam results were not, at least

partly, the result of laziness or a bad attack of exam nerves.

Consider the case - a hypothetical one, but for how much longer? - of a 50-year-old man suing the government for the distress experienced during a long spell of unemployment, which he claims was caused by the Treasury running a monetary policy that was too tight. How can he prove that government policy was primarily responsible for he, as an individual, being unable to find work? More practically, the health service is plagued by claims with a questionable prospect of success.

There is a fundamental weakness in

on the law of contract. It is that the state is not a company. Few citizens are at liberty to withdraw from their contract with the state in the provision of services such as health, education, public transport, policing. The alternative model is of a society ruled by politics, in which those who are responsible for services are subjected to discipline, and ultimately the sack, for failing to deliver. What is striking about much of the unnecessary litigation which threatens to overwhelm this country is that people say they don't want money, they want justice. What they need is a political system that delivers justice (it largely fails to do that at present); but turning to the courts will end up creating as much frustration as it dispels.

The answer is to strengthen the accountability of our system. That in turn means welcoming another kind of litigation - that of judicial review. It is often derided as an esoteric branch of law invented by clever and rich lawyers, but it achieves the aim of ensuring that ministers and officials have to behave reasonably and to

account for themselves.

A Bill of Rights and a written constitution are sometimes seen as part of the problem, when in fact they should regarded as part of the solution. Of course, Americans regularly take to the courts to dispute their constitu-

the American model of a society based tional rights; but here those broad principle laws would have the advantage of scaling those rights through consensual acceptance, rather than opportunistic adversarialism.

So the answer to our educational ills is not to call in an army of solicitors and well-paid QCs. It is, instead, to call teachers and governors and politicians and administrators to account through all our available points of democratic pressure. We can sack councils, governments, and school governors with our regular vote. We should use it.

#### The cappa cuppa is down the tube

Talking of rights - can you believe it? London Underground wants to stop its staff drinking frothy. puffy, chocy coffee, and confine them instead to machine-churned tea and instant granules. It's hard to credit, but it's true. No wonder workers nearly went on strike last week. Faced with the prospect of an electronically stewed cuppa, wouldn't you fight for cappas (and lattes and mochas) instead? There are, after all, some things that matter more than mere bread alone. And continental coffee is one of them.

#### • LETTERS TO THE EDITOR •

#### **Junior doctors** overstretched by hours cut

Sir: The comments of David Wrede ("Ministers want doctors to work 83-hour weeks", 28 November) are not shared by the majority of doctors, particularly in the sur-gical specialities. The reduction of additional worked hours from a previous average of 43 a week to a proposed 16 is impractical, since the workload in the hospital remains unchanged and the number of junior doctors has lauce to rise

during an on-call period they are suddenly responsible for the acute care of two to three times as many patients as in the past. These patients may be from a variety of different medical specialities the

The shift system that has been introduced in some hospitals results in particularly unsocial hours and working many more weekends and evenings than previously. Junior doctors slightly higher up in the ranks have to perform duties which are not appropriate to their experience, gained over several years of qualification; this prevents the

The new deal means junior doctors working harder while on call. Now there is no chance of sleep. If anything, patients are going to be at greater risk from junior doctors working more intensely in more stressful

To crown it all, there has been in real terms an absolute pay

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fewer hours.
Unless there are more junior doctors there can be no easy way of reducing hours. It would be better to admit that we have to work long hours, and provide of junior doctors are intelligent, hard-working and motivated people who entered medicine to make a professional career, and not to be reduced to the level of a clock-on, clock-off productionline system. S A WAJED

Department of Surgery The Whittington Hospital

octors to work 83-hour weeks"

My commitment to reducing junior ductors' hours is as strong as ever and I reinforced this point during a speech I made at the Queen Euzabeth Hospital. Birmingham, last week. We have made enormous progress since we made channels progress since we launched the New Deal initiative in 1001 and the old culture which demanded regular 100-hour weeks

is a thing of the past. In the coming weeks we shall be outlining the strategy to build on what has already been achieved and to larger those problem areas and to the still remain. The New Deal has greatly improved the lives of the many junior doctors who are now working more civilised hours. This working ment is principally due to achievement a participanty due to the consultants, managers and task the consumer, managers and forces determined to make it

possible GERALD MALONE Minister for Health

significantly.
Junior doctors now find that

doctor is not normally familiar

natural development and progress of clinical skills.

circumstances than ever before.

reduction because we are working

appropriate support. The majority

London NI9

Sir: Your article "Ministers want may have led Dr Rogers (letters, 30 November) to draw the wrong conclusions.

Deparament of Health

#### Assessing the soya bean risk

Sir: The genetic engineering of soya beans, which has led to UK protests at the import of such beans ("Greenpeace blockades beans with new genes", 30 November), raises questions about the right of consumers to information.

But a risk assessment of herbicide-resistant genetically engineered soya beans should include a full environmental health impact assessment of the pesticide as well as the beans.

This should cover pollution from energy used for raw material extraction, and hazards from the chemical manufacture, storage, use, food residues, contamination and disposal of the pesticide active ingredient, plus its breakdown products and "inerts". Will the chemical company involved produce such an assessment for public scrutiny? Ironically, there is much activity

t present across the European Union to introduce effective esticide reduction policies. integrated pest management techniques, biological control of weeds as well as insects, and the selection of naturally occurring crops resistant to hostile environmental factors have been introduced to cut pesticide usage quite effectively in some countries. Some crops are now being genetically engineered to increase resistance to diseases, "weeds" and

insect pests. This still raises major

questions about the impact of such crops, but at least it does remove

the need to use pesticides.
The soya bean story you report

may produce the worst outcome for

consumers, production workers

and the environment – a genetically engineered plant and continued and significant pesticide usage: double jeopardy. Dr ANDREW WATTERSON, Director, Centre for Occupational and Environmental Health,

De Montfort University Sir: Gil Warnock (letter, 28 November) gives a tolerable sketch of the various changes to the environment that have taken place in just one area of these islands

since the last ice age, but doesn't

mention the many human disasters

that have accompanied these changes.
The Irish famine, the Black Death of the 14th century and the many plagues that followed it, the famines of the 13th and early 14th century, are well known. There is sketchier historical record of previous plagues and famines in

vestern Europe back to Roman

Archaeology shows that a major change in climate badly affected the northern and western parts of the British isles in the Brouze Age
-wheat, for example, could no longer be grown - and there appears to have been a severe fall in both population and material culture as a result. We can now only guess at what hunger, disease and warfare resulted from the competition for declining

It is precisely because the environment changes, and can be changed by our human actions, that people espouse environmental

causes. By better understanding how we interact with our environment we hope, unlike our ancestors, to be able to avoid the pain that otherwise goes with those

To answer Mr Warnock's question of whether the environment is endangered or just evolving, it depends on your point of view. From that of the bacteria that break down oil-spills, to take ust one example, it hasn't looked etter for acons. CHRISTOPHER PADLEY Market Rasen, Lincolnshire

#### Malnutrition due to bad budgeting

Sir. There may well be some evidence of malnutrition in Britain, as the Rev Paul Nicolson maintains (Letters, 28 November), but his suggestion that this is due to madequate Income Support is a political, rather than a factual

For a single person, social Security benefit of £50 a week on top of housing expenses is sufficient to buy food and other essentials (students frequently manage on less). Similarly, a couple with two children should be able to manage on £119 of Income Support plus housing costs without children or parents going without

Nutritious food is available cheaply in supermarkets. On Monday we had three friends round for dinner; the cost of our

meal of garlic and herb chicken pieces, brussels, carrots and roast potatoes followed by apple pie and cream came to less than £1.50 per

It is not levels of Income Suppor that need to be addressed by the poverty lobby but the misalfocation of these resources on nonessentials like tobacco, alcohol and the purchase of lottery tickets. PAULASHTON Eastbourne, East Sussex

#### Farming fat cat doubles intake

Sir: Confusion seems to have crept into the conversation ! had with your correspondent for your article Farming fat cats reap a rich harvest" (29 November). I am quoted as saying that CWS received "around £1m" in set-aside payments last year. For the record, the figure was over £2m.

CWS Agriculture supports complete reform of the Common Agricultural Policy, replacing the inkage to production with the development of payments on land set aside for environmental reasons where appropriate. However, such payments would, in all probability, have to be acreage-linked. MIKE CALVERT General Manager CWS Agriculture

Sir: Gavin Strang's desire to reduce subsidy to large farming businesses and your research into farming

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mistresses", 29 November) tubthumps about "male privilege" in what is in the end a weak endorsement of a quota system in which both sexes will automatically be represented on shortlists such as the Turner Prize. Providing judges make nominations and award prizes only on the basis of the quality of the work, such absurd tokenism is unnecessary, Last year, as a judge of the most

Women do win

Sir: Suzanne Moore ("Masters and

art prizes

valuable open art competition in ine Nai West Prize (totalling £35,000), I sat with five other jurors, all men (in suits), and we awarded all five prizes, including the £25,000 first prize, to those we considered the five best artists from over a thousand entrants. They were all women. DAVID LEE Editor, An Review London EC1

#### Blowing hot and cold on Celsius

Sir: I feel your item on the Fahrenheit v Celsius debate ("Whatever happened to Fahrenbeit?", 30 November) may have underestimated the guile of the British public in subverting attempts at standardisation.

Rather than reject Celsius outright, we have merged it with our beloved Fahrenheit scale, for greater conversational effect. Thus, in summer we use Fahrenheit because the numbers are higher ("90 in the shade yesterday, old boy"), and in the winter we use Celsius because the numbers are lower ("Do you know it went down

to minus 10 Lest night?").

Since the numbers in the middle refer to perfectly ordinary weather which no one wants to talk about. we can pull off this trick with case. and defy anyone who tries to change it. BRIAN HACKETT

Denly Dale, West Yorkshire

subsidies ("Farming fat cats reap a

rich harvest", 29 November) raise a

Large farmers do receive large subsidies, but not

farmed. Large farmers also have

more hired labour. My recent, at this stage temative, research, based

disproportionately to the area

on data supplied by Cambridge

University, suggests that a fall in

support by say 10 per cent would

and in many areas it is the only

UK farming has undergone

neighbours. It would be a pity if

these hard-won advantages were

reduced dependency on support

for food production should allow

any government to target resources

to achieve its, or more importantly

may be cheaper food, maintenance

the electorate's, objectives. These

of the environment, employment,

Needling issue Sir: 1 am used to the suspension of

logical thought when people dis-

cuss drugs, but can someone ex-

should want to impose their ap-proach on Holland, with one of

the lowest ("French lay siege to fleshpots of Amsterdam", 29 No-

CHARLIE HARRIS

London NW3

plain why the Irish, with one of the

highest hard-drugs addiction rates.

organic farming, lower taxes or

Cottenham. Cambridgeshire

whatever.

SIMON WARD

Efficient production with

significant structural change, and

pain, compared with our European

source of employment.

reduce employment by a little over 10 per cent. Agriculture is one of the biggest industries in the UK

cartioned of issues.

#### Shameful aid cut

Sir: I am dismayed at the Government's decision to cut overseas aid by 8.4 per cent (£180m) - this on top of a cut of £124m last year.

I wrote recently to my MP pointing out that Britain spends only 0.26 per cent of its GNP on overseas aid, though the UN-recommended figure is 0.71. My letter was passed to the Overseas Development Administration, and in her reply. Baroness Chalker stated: "Your constituent mentioned the target of 0.7 per cent of GNP ... Our position on this remains unchanged. We've agreed to this target but not a timetable for reaching it."

Is it any wonder that we are becoming increasingly disillusioned with politicians. VINCENT KINGSTON Oxford

#### Boundary wall

Sir: The point is not, as Sam Scorer implies (letter, 30 November) whether the planner or the architect is better qualified. The point is that the planner is employed to act in the public interest; the architect is employed to act in the interest of his client, who is usually not primarily concerned with architectural values or aesthetics. ROGER JAMES Secretary: The Portsmouth Society Southsea, Hampshire



# The Holocaust heritage

Every day brings new facts about the Final Solution. Antony Lerman asks how much we need to know

long, the survivors of the Nazi Holocaust will all be dead. The living memory of the tragedy will be extinguished, and a priceless link between past and present finally severed. The inexorable transition from memory to history will be complete - or will it?

inevitable fate of every historical event, but there are few signs of it happening to the Holocaust. Quite the opposite. The Holocaust is unfinished busi-

There is an acceleration in the pace of historical research and writing. New campaigns to settle accounts - legal, political, financial - have a harder, more urgent edge. Controversies over the siting and erection of memorials and museums touch actors in the tragedy whose the deepest sensitivities. The actions had not come under the political and moral repercus- spotlight before now. The rev-

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next, but before too the past is a dimension of the present, but one that we cannot physically touch or see. The presence of the Holocaust in popular culture is ubiquitous. Far from being an event which was so unique as to be practically outside of human history, it has become part of daily life.

The expansion of historical Such a transition is the scholarship has been stimu-evitable fate of every historilated by the new information emerging in huge quantities of documents from archives in the former Soviet Union and Eastern Europe, which were closed to Western scholars before the collapse of communism. This in turn has fuelled a reassessment of studies completed before 1989, with historians and investigative journalists examining the roles of individual, corporate and state

t won't be this year or sions hang thick in the air as if elation that significant numbers next, but before too the past is a dimension of the of officers with Jewish backgrounds served in the German armed forces stems directly from this new approach to Holocaust history.

From the 1960s and the Eichmann trial, as the Holocaust entered the public consciousness in a big way, it became a subject for film-makers, producers of documentaries, novelists, poets and even television mini-series. This cultural production has continued to grow, again encouraged by the collapse of communism and the willingness of people in former communist states to confront this aspect of their pasts.

Further, many survivors were reluctant to speak about their experiences in the first decades after the war. But as the Holocaust has become an integral part of our culture, and as those survivors come nearer to the ends of their lives, there has

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been an outpouring of memoirs I ewish property in Eastern and accounts. A fourth reason is that the Holocaust remains an issue of immense political and cultural significance in Germany today, with different groups defining themselves according to the part they believe the Holocaust should play in determining Germany's future path.

But most significant is the deliberate effort, during the past three decades, to place the Holocaust centre stage as the key historical, moral and legal problem of our ag ge, and the central issue of Jewish life. Much of this effort, quite naturally, has come from Jews and Jewish organisations, but by no means all.

For many years, Jews were reluctant to locate the Holocaust at the centre of their communal concerns. But in the post-war years new leaders emerged, too young to have experienced the Holocaust, for whom the Holocaust became a powerful motivating force. They saw that, as time passed, it would be impossible to call the world to account for the crimes committed or to record survivors' accounts of what hap-

This effort produced extensive results, among them were new laws to prosecute suspected Nazi war criminals in some Western countries, the establishment of the US National Holocaust Memorial Museum in Washington, an international campaign to secure compensation for stolen Europe, the building of countless memorials in synagogues, community centres, towns and villages. And most recently the international campaign to recover the assets of Holocaust victims held in Swiss banks.

The consequences of all this are not wholly welcome. Since much Holocaust-related activity has developed a momentum and logic of its own, that might be expected. But it applies also to the conscious attempt to shape public memory and influence political action.

For example, as a quest for justice, the campaign against the Swiss banks and the effort to obtain compensation for stolen property in Eastern Europe cannot be faulted, but if, in the process, the image of the Holocaust changes from that of a moral issue to one of gold, property and cash, the consequences will be damaging.

The Holocaust continues to shape the political outlook of significant sectors of the Israeli right on Middle East peace, Israel's relations with the world at large and relations with the Jewish diaspora. That is deeply worrying. It fosters an attitude of mind which sees every concession or compromise as the breeding ground for another Holocaust.

Finally, placed at the centre of Jewish communal concerns, the Holocaust has had a powerful but in many ways negative impact on the shaping of mod-ern Jewish identity. That Jews

should learn about this aspect of their history goes without saying, but that it should become the principal reason to be Jewish makes little sense. The enduring quality of an identity derived from the glorification of one's status as a vic-tim hardly bears thinking about.

What distinguishes these negative consequences is that they are the product of deliberate policy choices and consciously adopted attitudes, grounded in a narrow and philosophically bankrupt view of how to secure the Jewish future - a view epitomised by the utterly unacceptable, though sadly too common, notion of Jewish assimilation as a second or silent Holocaust. But since the choices and attitudes are made on earth, they can and should be altered, however difficult that may be. And the difficulty is compounded when the Holocaust is used as a justification for action,

vent debate and de-legitimise dissenting voices. In effect, along with growing attention and the delayed transition from memory to history, there is a hardening trend towards politicisation. Left unchallenged, it will undermine the continuing and very necessary process of embedding the Holocaust in public memory.

because its effect - often delib-

erately engineered - is to pre-

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# Today's 'scoop'

nother day, another piece of research. Yesterday man of us learned for the first time that thousands of Jew had fought beside Germans during the Second World war. The reaction in many was one of horror. While 6 million Jews were being exterminated, others were going hand in hand with the Nazis who had dreamt up the Final Solution. Even worse, the research established that 77 senior officers of mixed Jewish race or with Jewish wives had been accepted as having German blood by none other than Hitler himself.

Was this proof of a degree of collaboration, of a level of com-plicity that might be used to undermine the moral dimension in the lessons of the Holocaust?

The truth is much more prosaic. The research was carried out by Bryan Rigg, 25, an American studying history at Darwin College, Cambridge. For the past four years, Mr Rigg has criss-crossed Germany and travelled as far afield as Canada and Turkey in order to uncover tales of the Mischlinge, those of half or quarter Jewish blood who are not recognised as Jews by other Jews, but who were classified as such by the Nazis.

In the course of his travels, he has unearthed documents which show that two field marshals, 10 generals, 14 colonels and 30 majors in the Wehrmacht were of Jewish extraction. Field Marshal Edward Mikh, deputy to the Luftwaffe commander Hermann Goering, had a Jewish father, but Goering falsified his papers, declaring: "I will decide who is a German."

Others with Jewish fathers or grandparents won military decorations. Helmut Wilberg, winner of the knight's cross, had a Jewish mother, but he kept his origins secret and went on to develop the German concept of blitzkrieg. Even Helmut Schmidt, West German Chancellor from 1974 to 1982, kept secret the fact that his grandfather was Jewish, and he went on to become a lieutenant in the Luftwaffe. Mr Rigg's research appears meticulous and was described by fellow historians as "useful" yesterday in that it was gleaned from people who lived through paradoxical times or those who lived close to them in the immediate aftermath. But fellow academics and Jewish historians said the reve-

lations were not new and should not really surprise anybody. "It has been known for a long, long time that many Jews who wanted to hide from Hitler believed that the army was as good a place as any," said Rabbi Albert Friedlander, dean of the Leo Baeck rabbinical training college. "The army was not the Nazi party and elements of it were actually opposed to Hitler.

Some believed there was a better Germany - a Germany of Beethoven and Goethe that would last longer than Hitler. They had no idea of what was to come, and many would have known nothing about the extermination camps.

Indeed, according to the historian Evelyn Wikock, author of Pacifism and the Jews, Germans who were half or quarter Jewish were routinely conscripted right up to the start of the war. By the

outbreak of hostilities, thousands would have been in the army.

"They had no choice," she said. "The penalty for not serving was death, and the death penalty would often apply to family members, too." And many of those now described as being of Jewish extraction would not then have regarded themselves as Jewish. It is certainly unlikely that someone with a Jewish grandfather would call himself a Jew.

From 1942 onwards, however, Hitler ordered them to be rooted out of the army. Some were sent to labour camps, but others were helped by fellow soldiers or commanding officers, who felt more

loyal to those they had fought with than to the Nazis.

There is, nevertheless, the potential for some embarrassment here - not in suggestions that some Jews collaborated, but in the way German attempts to create a pure race are reflected in some ways by Jews themselves. "In one of George Steiner's plays, Hitler turns round to some Jews at one point and says 'Where do you think I got the idea of a Chosen People from?," said Mrs Wilcock. What is embarrassing is that some of our own people put an emphasis on descent credentials in the same way as the Nazis did

in their attempts to create a pure Aryan race. "The Jewish view of the Holocaust is one of black and white. It like cowboys and Indians, good guys and bad guys. But it gets a little blurred when you start talking about Mischinge from mixed families. And, because the teaching of Holocaust history has a moral and ethical content, it has the capacity to turn children's heads.

"I am Jewish but my husband is not. Recently, a certain Jew-

ish woman suggested that my children should wear badges to show that they are not marriageable. That is precisely the sort of thing that the Nazis did to the Jews in Germany and it is precisely the sort of thing we need to avoid. The racial exclusion of Jews by Jews simply defeats the object."

Steve Boggan

# Stay in touch ith no running costs.

#### The period pains of Location-in-the-Wold Susan one morning in May. "My dear, there are some the time they put back the wrong TV dishes on the



Miles **Kington** 

here was a spirit of small Cotswold village of Steeple Netherby, and this was a most untoward thing, for until very recently Steeple Netherby had been marked by a contentment which almost bordered on self-satisfaction. Not to put too fine a point on it. Steeple Netherby had become famous. There may have been people in the vilthe recent fame, but there could not be many. For it

unchanged and picturesque spot that the filming for the recent TV adaptation of Jane Austen's little-known novel Risk and Risibility had Much of the exterior film-

ing for this very successful realisation had been done outside the house belonging to Colonel Sands, who, as his rank suggests, had been in the army and gave people to understand that he had seen much exciting action, though as he had been in the catering corps, the excitement had been generally limited to the thrill of supplying bread for the men on time and withdrawing broccoli soup when it had proved unpopular. He had been out of the army some little while, but had taken his rank with him when he left, and had indeed even carefully improved the rank as time went by, for he had been no more than a major when he left, and was now a colonel and he very much hoped to become a general if ne should ever move house

again.
"I am going to the shop,"
the Colonel called to his wife

people outside the house

taking photographs. Perhaps you should wait a moment." "Til give them and their blasted photographs!" said the Colonel. Yet despite his strong words, he stayed tamely inside the house and peered through the curtains until the strangers had gone.

"We cannot complain," said Mrs Sands, coming downstairs. She paused at a window where she noticed a vase of anemones looking a little underwatered, gave them a brisk box on the ears (for she was more military by inclination than her husband) and passed briskly on. "We made a lot of money from the TV company for the use of our house in the film, and we cannot complain if viewers come to gawp at it. It is not as if they try to break into the house and take souvenirs or ask for a cup of water."

"I am sure you are right, my dear," said Colonel Sands, who had indeed answered a knock on the door the previous day and charged the TV pilgrim 10p for a glass of water, for which he now felt

slightly ashamed. "It is just that it seems to go on and on. Just when we think it will all die down, the TV company repeats the blessed film. Or Country Life does a feature called The Village in the heart of Austen Country'.

And everyone comes flocking again. I wish to high heaven we had never been involved. I certainly hope we will never be involved again." Then you will be pleased

to hear that the danger has been averted," said his wife. "I'm sorry?" said her uncomprehending husband. "According to the local

paper, a TV company intends to make a new comedy series called Period Pains. This comcalled Period Pains. Ihis comedy is set in a picturesque village which is fed up to the
back teeth with being used as
a period setting, somewhere
like Castle Combe."

"Or us," said her husband.

"Very like us," said Mrs
Sands. "It is indeed based on
us. It is hased on many of the

us. It is based on many of the things which happened to us. Like the time the lorry bringing authentic 18th-century manure overturned, and the village stank for three days. Or the runaway reindeer. Or

wrong houses ..."
"Yes, yes," said the Colonel testily. "So they're making a film about a village like us which is always being plagued by film companies, and they are coming here to film this ... this comedy, are they?"
No," said his wife. They

are going to Lower Ashby."
"Lower Ashby?" said the
Colonel aghast. "Lower Ashby? They can't do that!" Lower Ashby was a nearby

village, smaller but equally picturesque, and, if the truth be known, more unspoilt. "Oh, but they are," said his wife. "Lower Ashby is going to play the part of us. I thought you'd be pleased. I know how fed up you are with

us being Location-in-the-Wold, as you so wittily call it."
"Lower Ashby?" repeated the Colonel, as if it were a mantra. "I cannot believe it! It must not happen." An extract from 'Art and Adaptability', a new Jane Austen-style novel by the authoress of Tact and Tack-turnity, 'Ink and Illegibility's eic, and soon to be a major:

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# New Labour, new Stalinists? Not a chance

ake two fictional Labour MPs. One is Nigel Barton, the heroic and flintily working class left-wing MP immortalised by Dennis Potter in the 1970s. The other is Lynton Charles, the irredeemably middle-class Blairite careerist lovingly parodied in each week's iesman. Is Labour's new disciplinary code simply a way of advancing the interests of the latter at the expense of the former? Is it plain sensible leadership or more evidence of the Labour leader's Kim II Sung tendency towards democratic centralism?

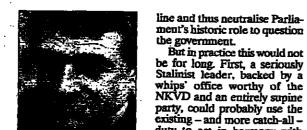
These questions, even if not openly expressed, will lurk in the minds of the Parliamentary Labour Party when they debate the new code tomorrow. It's certain that the PLP will back, by an overwhelming majority, the creation of a new disciplinary offence of bringing "the party into disrepute". The more interesting issue is how much of their independence as MPs they are sacrificing by doing so. This isn't just an academic question. The new offence hasn't merely been created to make the leadership sound macho. It's true that the existing standing orders of the PLP already oblige MPs to turn up regularly and have a "good division record"; to "refrain from personal

attacks upon colleagues orally or in writing"

to "act in harmony with the policies of the Parliamentary Labour Party". But it isn't clear, for example, that for Jeremy Corbyn to sponsor a Commons book lanch for Gerry Adams, the Sinn Fein president, cuts across any of these obligations. (Grown-up party leaders can scarcely argue that no Labour MP should under any circumstances make contact with Sinn Fein when ministers and shadow ministers do exactly that). But had the code been in force, and had Gerry Adams not himself withdrawn from the event, the whips might well have argued that the adverse publicity would have brought the party into disrepute.

It would also have made it considerably easier to arraign Alan Simpson, the prolific and quietly spoken Campaign Group member, for of Information Act and race relations reforms the dozens of occasions on which he is alleged to have publicly criticised the Labour leadership since becoming an MP. Not to mention the latest case in which he, Mr Corbyn and the outgoing veteran Eddie Loyden, have signed a mass petition originating with the Socialist Workers' Party.

In other words, it's there to be used if necessary. Removing the whip, the ultimate penalty which the Chief Whip already has, can mean the MP is unable to stand as a Labour candidate if the punishment isn't lifted before a general election. What's more, the new rules carry an extra stipulation - that the MP's constituency must be told even if the MP is simply reprimanded. There may be some con-stituency parties where this is a badge of honour, but many fewer than there used to be. In theory, a megalomaniac party leader could use it as an instrument for preventing even the most minor deviation from the party



Donald Macinture

MPs' fears that a disciplinary code will stamp out legitimate dissent are

had strongly criticised the government's social security pol-icy? Or Dennis Skinner for calling for the renationalisation of coal? Hardly. What's more, the new rules unfounded provide one genuine improve-ment in backbencher democ-

racy - the formal creation of departmental committees to which ministers are required to give account of themselves and regularly hear the views of MPs. This proposal isn't just cos-metic. It requires, for example, notice of plans for all "forthcoming Bills, major statutory instruments, Green and White Papers" and that "backbenchers will be consulted before major policy decisions are taken".

line and thus neutralise Parlia-

ment's historic role to question

party, could probably use the existing – and more catch-all – duty to act in harmony with

party policy for that purpose if he wanted. But anyway, an MP

cannot be penalised unless the

PLP votes in favour Second,

the new rules will not remove

an MP's right to abstain from voting for the government 'on matters of deeply-held personal conviction'.

Is it likely, for example, that

Tam Dalyell, one of the most

persistent questioners of the executive and all its works, would be held by a majority of his colleagues to have brought the party into disrepute if he resisted in asking marting.

persisted in asking questions about some malfeasance by

ministers? Or the Labour chair-

man of a select committee who

But in practice this would not

the government.

The code has an interesting history, dating from the mid-Seventies in which relations between government and PLP were at something of an all-time low. It was drawn up by a backbench committee - chaired, ironically, by John Horam, now a Tory minister but then a member of the Tribune Group - but never fully put into practice. If they had been, it's possible some low-cost legislation like the Freedom might have been introduced with a resulting improvement in party morale. It's even possible that the Prime Minister might have been persuaded through better communications with the PLP to hold the election in 1978 rather

So yes, the code is designed to try to make the Labour Party as disciplined as the Tories were in the Eighties, something which Labour has chronically failed to do in government in the past. It is supposed to remind Labour MPs that they will owe the election of a Labour government not to their own individual militancy as MPs but to the changes the party in general, and Tony Blair in particular, has made. It is supposed to send a clear message that you can't be elected on a new Labour platform and then spend your time sabotaging it once you've arrived. But they aren't anything like as illiberal as their critics will claim. The Nigel Bartons won't have it all their way. But nor will the Lynton Charles's.

# State licence to bug and burgle

through Parliament that will allow the police to break into a solicitor's office, instal a listening device, overhear and record conversations between solicitor and client. conduct a covert search, snoop in files and sift through and

copy privileged documents. The same law, contained in Part III of the Police Bill, which completed its Lords Committee Stage last night, will allow a similar sort of activity at the home of a journalist whose contacts might be useful to the police. And because the law will cover "conduct by a large number of persons in pursuit of a common purpose", it will legalise, to com "Spycatcher" Peter Wright's memorable phrase, "bugging and burgling" at the home of an environ-

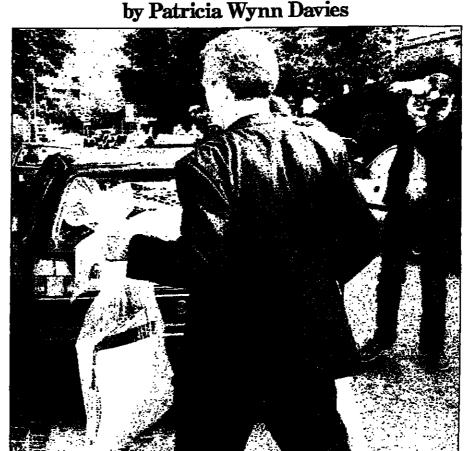
mental protestor.

Extreme examples perhaps, but they will happen and we may never find out. Officers will get their authorisation from their chief constable or an assistant chief constable, or in the case of customs, a designated senior officer. That contrasts with the requirement for a warrant from a court, in the majority of cases, to search openly and seize property, and with the power to tap two-way telephone conversations, which, following a ruling by the European Court of Human Rights, needs a warrant from the Home Secretary under the 1985 Interception of

Communications Act.
The go-ahead will be based on the chief officer's subjective assessment that the surveillance is likely to be of substantial value in the prevention or detection of serious crime, and can allow covert searching and/or bugging, or both.

People whose privacy, cor-respondence, home or office (including the office of their employers - a City institution, have to be under suspicion of being disposed to commit serious crime themselves. And in another departure from the senior serving or retired judge, somewhat different standards but he or she will have a highly somewhat different standards in the Interception of Communications Act, all material or information garnered - even where the new Commissioner proposed by the Bill to handle complaints finds it not properly authorised - will be admissible as evidence in a trial.

The Government took its cue for that provision from a law lords' ruling in July. This stated that evidence obtained through trespass and bugging (under the existing Home Office guidelines that the Act is decisions, for good measure,



#### A new law gives the go-ahead for covert snooping on people's homes and offices. Your only protection: 'Trust the police'

would not have gone ahead, against a drugs importer. It is perhaps? - or indeed any other tucked away in a schedule, as is premises) is invaded do not an instruction to the Commissioner not to give any reasons for rejecting a complaint.

The Commissioner will be a limited remit to overturn an authorisation in the face of a complaint. A chief constable will be able to authorise the surveillance or covert search if he or she thinks it necessary. That means that the Commissioner can only interfere if the decision, in legal iargon, is so unreasonable as to be "perverse".

The Bill leaves nothing to chance by specifying that judicial review principles should be applied. The Commissioner's

to replace) could be used in a cannot be "appealed or quesprosecution, which otherwise tioned in any court." In short, crime that poses the biggest the powers in the Bill could not have been drafted more widely. The prospects of getting them drawn more tightly are slim.

Of course, the aim of this substantial increase of virtually self-regulatory police powers is detecting and catching serious criminals, as Baroness Blatch. the Home Office minister presently handling the Bill, emphasised in a recent letter to Lord Browne-Wilkinson, a law lord. He is one of a handful who have dared to put their heads above the parapet to invoke the constitutional principle that ministers, officials or police officers are supposed to have no greater right than any ordinary citizen to invade an Englishman's home, and suggest that the powers in the Bill are

"One could argue that it is threat," wrote the baroness. "Our homes are, of course, much more likely to be violated by burglars than the executive. However, the provisions are not meant to tackle this sort of criminal, or the protestor organised criminal ... who may infiltrate our banking and financial institutions and who has no qualms about using legitimate fronts, such as tirms of solicitors or accountants, to launder the

ing and other illicit activities." She invoked another recent legal case to support the Government's insistence that the courts should not be involved. where a judge had said it would

vast profits from drug traffick-

be impossible to put himself in a chief constable's shoes to make an operational decision to authorise or not. Warranting by the Home Secretary, the authorisation procedure for MI5 - the first inroad into the "Englishman's home" principle could be seen as interfering

with police independence. So the message is "trust the police", and it is one that Labour is prepared, in the final event, to sign up to. Lord McIntosh, the party's home affairs spokesman in the Lords, made a so far unsuccessful attempt last week to introduce a narrowly-drawn amendment to protect legal privilege, but not currently protected documents such as personal records or journalistic and other confidential material for which a court order must be sought.

In truth, nobody who has studied the progress of this part of the Bill expects it to be changed very much at all when it emerges from the Lords to complete an equally uneventful passage through the Commons.

Labour has convinced itself, if not its critics, that despite the blanket nature of the Bill, the powers will be used sparingly and responsibly under authority given at a very senior level by chief constables, who are not going to want to be the target of challenges, however ineffectual, from aggrieved citizens.

Despite the fact that the

tribunals set up to regulate M15, M16 and GCHQ have never upheld a single complaint, it is prepared to have faith in the Commissioner. But three leading barristers have drawn up an opinion for Liberty, the civil rights organisation, saying that the power to be vested in chief officers will violate Article 8 of the European Convention on Human Rights which guarantees respect for privacy, home and correspondence, and Article 13, which provides for the right to effective legal remedy.

rights convention that Labour against a new road or the jour-nalist who refuses to reveal his British law. Under a Tory govsource. Our provisions are ernment, Labour is in a cleft needed to tackle the serious stick over law and order. But stick over law and order. But the political embarrassment will catch up with a Labour party in government when the first human rights complaint after a bungled police operation is launched. And in years to come, when suspicions may abound - for who will ever know for sure? - that covert searches and snooping have become routine, ministers can reflect on the fact that it all

# There's no hiding from fame

For some, celebrity is their reason for living. But not for the refuseniks. By Peter Popham

amuel Beckett was staying with his wife Suzanne at a hotel south of Tunis in October 1969 when the disaster struck. A telegram arrived from his French publisher, Jérôme tographs of him make clear, was pos-Lindon. "Dear Sam and Suzanne," it went, "In spite of everything they have given you the Nobel Prize - I advise

you to go into hiding..."

Deeply distressed, Beckett responded by confining himself to his hotel room. "But with dozens of journalists million account," region large. nalists milling around," writes James Knowlson in the new biography, Danned to Fame, "... it soon became obvious that something had to be done." Jerome Lindon flew out and "negotiated a gentlemen's agreement with the press that they should be allowed a few minutes to take photographs, provided that the publicityshy author was allowed to remain totally silent. Three days after the award, then, Beckett made an appearance ... smoking a cigar, with his hair cut very short ... he sat down, lookcut very snort ... ne sat down, look-ing ill at ease, said nothing, and puffed away at his cigar. The cameras whirred, and, before the cigar even had time to burn down a single centimetre, he was whisked away and back to his room. Samuel Beckett is the presiding

deity in the pantheon of anti-fame; the swelling ranks of writers and other creative types who are celebrated for their works but almost equally celebrated works our minor equally extended for rejecting celebrity: slamming the door in the face of fame, spurning interview requests, seculously resisting all attempts to inveigle them into

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explaining themselves. Beckett is the archetype of all such refuseniks, not only because he was a towering genius but because he a lowering general but because he was also stunningly photogenic; huge, piercing pale blue eyes, a tomahawk of a nose, a sensual, secretive mouth; of a nose, a sensent, secretive month; and the etching of the years only made him craggier, more noble-looking. That face combined with his stubborn silence created more of a Beckett mystique than any number of spell-

binding public appearances could have achieved. But Beckett's attitude to his fame,

itively rapturous compared to that of other modern writers. The only available photograph of the American novelist Thomas Pynchon dates from a school yearbook of 1953: a buck-toothed teenager wearing a scowl and a crew-cut peers into the camera. Ten years later, when Time decided to run a piece on this rising literary star, a photographer for the magazine visited the address in Mexico City he had been given. A tall man answered the door and told him that Pynchon would be back around 5pm. Returning at that time, the photographer discovered that the room had been emptied of possessions. He realised that the person who had spoken to him must have been Pynchon. That supposed sighting,

33 years ago, was the last to date.

J D Salinger, author of The Catcher in the Rye, who gave his last interview in 1980, has been almost equally elusive. In Salinger's case there is a selfdestructive element to his urge to disappear. His works were getting shorter and shorter even before he went to ground, but he seems to have stopped writing altogether many years ago.
Instead he now visits public libraries,
where he digs up whatever he can find on ID Salinger and destroys it. It would be interesting to know what he intends by this, but he is unlikely to furnish an explanation.

Neurosis on this scale, however, is exceptional. Pynchon continues to write and publish, albeit at heroically long intervals. Cormac McCarthy, the best-selling author of All the Preny Horses, shuns publicity of every sort. and when elected to the Writer's Hall of Fame in El Paso, Texas, the town where he lives, he followed Beckett's example and sent a representative to collect the honour. But in other respects McCarthy appears to live a full and normal life.



protective friends, and never, never

talks to journalists. Submission to the demands of were still a novelty, it opens with the celebrity is a form of surrender, and arrival of a journalist called Angel to Tomorrow: inside PR's black hole.

The same applies to Patrick the only way to ensure that nothing of Susskind, the Bavarian author of the importance is yielded up is to yield importance is yielded up is to yield chilling best seller, Perfume, who lives nothing. In The Ordeal of Gilben Pinquietly in Munich, speaks excellent fold. Evelyn Waugh delineates the English and has a group of flercely nightmare that all shy writers must nightmare that all shy writers must fear. Written at a time when BBC Radio profiles of cultural personalities

interview Pinfold, a novelist. During the meeting, Pinfold is overwhelmed by the impression that Angel is an enemy who wants to take something away from him; afterwards, he enters a state of lethargy and paranoia that nothing can shake. Cormac McCarthy's shyness towards the media, according to his brother Dennis, is "almost like a superstition. He's afraid he'll ruin whatever he's doing." No writer can avoid going through a medium to reach his pub-lic, but for Beckett and the rest, whose point in common is the intense seriousness with which they regard their work, the medium needs to be as pure and transparent as possible, so that the words as written can prevail. Because after all it is not fame as such that they fear to be damned to - otherwise they could simply destroy their work after writing it - but fame for the wrong reasons, for the trivial incidentals of biography.

Van Morrison, perhaps the only rock star who shares this morbid fear of celebrity, is notorious for the tongue-lashings he gives to the rare journalists permitted to attempt to interview him; and when an unauthorised biography of him appeared this year, he contemplated buying up the entire print run.

But what Morrison craves is not obscurity, but unmediated contact with his audience. In 1983, a teacher in Somerset called Andy Lock wrote to Jim'll Fix It asking Morrison to play at his wedding. There was no response, but then late on the afternoon of the wedding day, out of the blue, the Man showed. "He stayed about an hour, very nervous," Lock recalled. "We talked to him for about 40 minutes about anything, all sorts... Quite difficult - how do you talk to somebody like that, when you've been listening to their music for years?"

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# Racal shares **shed 18%** on warning

Chris Godsmark **Business Correspondent** 

Racal Electronics will this morning attempt to regain the confidence of investors after an unexpected profits warning by the defence and telecommunications group yesterday sent its shares plunging by more than 18

The news, which stunned City analysts, wiped more than £125m off Racal's stock market value, ending a dire few months in which the company lost out to British Telecom in a £1bn contract bid to replace the armed forces' telephone notwork and learned of further delays to another programme to replace British Army mobile radios. The shares ended the day 50p lower at 225p.

In a statement to the Stock Exchange, Racal warned that its pre-tax profits for this year were likely to be £20m less than analysts had expected, at around £50m. This represents a drop of 29 per cent from the profits already reported for last year of £70.4m.

Racal also surprised analysts by bringing forward the announcement of its results for the first six months of this year from Thursday to today. The statement said the results were ex- analysts perplexed. One said: pected to show profits of £21m "Selling military radios isn't

The announcement blamed a 'significant reduction" in orders from the group's Radio Communications division, which makes a range of mobile radio systems sold to military forces around the world.

The difficulties were likely to reduce the radio arm's sales this year by £30m, compared with last year's £161m, pushing the business into the red. Of the £20m drop in profits, the radio division would account for £15m, with a further £5m of what the company described as "bits and pieces, though noth-

Senior directors, led by chief executive David Elsbury, met last Friday for a regular monthly board meeting where continued problems with the progress of the radio arm came to a head.

Mr Elsbury said yesterday: There are slippages in three major orders, one with the UK government, one with the Middle East and one in Latin America. We haven't lost the orders but we could see them slipping. We decided, I think correctly, to act prudently and

However, the statement left after a previously announced ex- like running Marks & Spencers.

ceptional charge of £10m for the restructuring of the Data Group booked at least a year or 18 months in advance. So why did it take so long for the board to learn about this?"

Mr Elsbury insisted he was happy with the way the radio arm was run, but blamed its con-tinued decline on world-wide defence cutbacks. "We are in total control of our forecasting but lead times in military radios are

three years," he said.
The division makes the Jaguar battlefield radio which has proved popular with many armed forces around the world and has notched up sales of some £400m since its introduction in the early 1980s. But in recent years Racal has faced fierce competition from larger defence electronics suppliers such as GEC of the UK and Thomson CSF from France.

The company is currently re-viewing the Radio Communications business's long-term future, though these further delays to normally lucrative military contracts could put a question mark over its survival as a major part of the group.

Another problem has been the UK government's repeated slippage to a £2bn order to replace the Army's battlefield radio network. An announcement on the contract has been delayed from 1997 to 1999.

The long-running boardroom

bust-up at Emap, the media eroup, finally drew to an untidy

close vesterday when share-

holders voted overwhelmingly

to oust two "dissident" non-

Vigel Cope



#### Scottish & Newcastle to roll out themed pubs

Scottish & Newcastle, Britain's largest brewer, is planning an aggressive expansion of some of its branded pubs and restaurants to take advantage of the growing popularity of themed bars

The group plans to promote its Chef & Brewer chain as

chief executive, were variously

accused by shareholders of

"double standards", "unethical behaviour" and of conducting

personal vendettas. Mr Miller, who maintained a silence

upmarket pub-restaurants and develop 35 outlets by the end of it unveiled better-than-expected this year with a target of 150. The Barras & Co community pubs will also be rolled out over the next two years after successful trials in the North and South-east. There are currently 24 of these bars with 10 more cluded a full contribution from

results for the six months to 27 October. Pre-tax profits rose by 26 per cent to £195m boosted by strong performances from the brewing division Scottish Courage. The figures, which inplanned by the end of the year. last year's Courage acquisition, Scottish & Newcastle made were supported by improved

margins on the group's main brands such as John Smith's, Theakston's and McEwans.

Scottish & Newcastle's figures were achieved in spite of another poor performance at Center Parcs where profits fell from £171m to £164m. Management said consumer confidence was improving in some countries such as Germany

which was helping bookings. Brian Stewart, chief executive, denied the division was for sale but said: "Everything is for S WHILL

sale at a price."

Scottish & Newcastle's group sales were 24 per cent higher at £1.66bn in the period. The shares reacted positively, rising

#### Sears to raise cash through Freemans sale

Patrick Tooher

Sears, the sprawling retail group, yesterday confirmed it was in early-stage talks with several parties to sell Freemans, Britain's third-largest mail order business, in a move that could pave the way for surplus cash to be returned to long-suffering shareholders. "If there is an opportunity for

Sears to sell Freemans or collaborate with a third party, then clearly it is something we will consider." Liam Strong, Sears' chief executive, said. The talks, described by Mr

Strong as being preliminary" and "exploratory", are under-stood to be with all of Freemans' main rivals in the mail-order business. These include Great Universal Stores, the market leader and Littlewoods.

\*Sears has believed for some time that consolidation within the mail-order market would result in benefits for customers. suppliers and industry participants." Mr Strong continued, adding that a further announcement would be made if anything emerged from the preliminary discussions.

Offers for Freemans, which made profits of £38m on sales of £531m in the year to January 1996, are thought to be in the £350m region.

News that Sears is in cash-

raising talks will also encourage hopes that it is serious about paying back a substantial amount of money to its sharea special dividend.



Reviewing options: Liam Strong wants cash returned

Glasgow, Mr Strong said: "In the light of the group's cash resources, the board will be reviewing options available for returning any surplus cash to shareholders."

However, news of the Free-man talks failed to impress the City, and the shares closed 0.5p lower at 92.5p.

Freemans operates at the agency end of the mail-order business, where agents receive commission on sales. Analysts say this business is in longterm decline as the direct-mail order market expands.

shareholders since September when Sears revealed interim profits had collapsed from holders, possibly in the form of Stephen Hinchliffe's failed Faa special dividend. cia group. Apart from Self-Last month, after Sears ridges, the flagship London raised £80m from the sale of the

#### executive directors who had pared to that of Boris Yeltsin's contested changes to the comble and that their removal would pany's articles of association. removal of dissenting voices end the row which has cast a However, the dispute refrom his cabinet. cloud over Emap's share price. mained a bitter one to the end The two directors, Professor "I am confident that with these with the two-and-a-half hour Ken Simmonds and Joe Cooke, two resolutions passed, the were eventually outvoted by a board will be fully united and

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Their behaviour was comrelations between the board and the two dissidents was irrepara-

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Emap's dissident directors voted out

At yesterday's meeting, which was attended by more than 100 shareholders, both Professor Simmonds and Mr Cooke delivered lengthy statements on their objections to the changes. Professor Simmonds said nonexecutives should have an overriding responsibility to speak out when it was in shareholders interests. He warned that the

struggle was a "David and Goliath" affair with himself and Mr Cooke pitched against Emap's well-oiled PR machine".

He said the board should address the succession question as Sir John is due to step down as chairman in 1998 and appoint non-executive directors who were not executive directors of other companies.

Mr Cooke accused Sir John board should not fall under the and Mr Miller of conducting the control of any one person. Quot- corporate equivalent of a three

poll, including proxies, it showed nual meeting in July. These re-109 million votes in favour of the moved a provision to retain at Burke, be said: "For evil to tri-agree the article changes.

"The chairman and chief exec-He claimed the dissidents utive who pushed through these changes should not be left in charge of Emap much longer. After both rebel directors

had been heckled by shareholders for taking too long over their statements Anne Simpson of Pirc called for a poll and said: "It's very sad what has happened at Emap. But the good thing is that the decision is being made by shareholders." Emap shares closed 5p higher

#### Courtaulds Textiles | RECs win six-month sells last spinning mills delay to full competition

Chris Godsmark

Another chapter in the long shake-out of the British textile trade came to a close vesterday when Courtaulds Textiles sold

Mr Strong has been under rein Oldham.

£20m to just £2.5m after taking a £25m provision against exposure to shoe shops sold to St Enoch shopping centre in visions reported lower profits. | Atherton, Manchester and

**Business Correspondent** 

off the last of its spinning mills. Courtaulds Textiles, the business formed after the Courtaulds empire split its chemicals and clothing businesses in a demerger six years ago, is selling the two mills in Bolton and Oldham to Shiloh, a longestablished quoted textiles and healthcare company also based

The deal marks the end of a dramatic decline in Courtaulds' yarn spinning businesses, which as recently as 1988 employed 5,500 people in more than 30 mills in the UK. Earlier this year it closed two other mills in

Wolfenden in Bolton, which together employed 300 people. Just 500 jobs are left in the two remaining mills, and last night Edmund Gartside, chair-man of Shiloh, said these would

be secured as a result of the sale. "We've not bought it to cannibalise it, we've bought it to run it. We're very committed to the business and it's complementary to our existing opera-tions," he said. It will make Shiloh the largest cotton spinner in the UK with annual sales of £35m.

Stuart Banks, chief executive of Courtaulds Spinning, will also transfer to Shiloh. He said: "It's obviously sad for Courtaulds but its a very exciting day for the employees."

The Swan Lane Mill in Bolton is one of the largest in Britain, with 460,000 square

feet of factory space organised

on six floors. It was once part which still dominate the surrounding skyline, though the other two were closed long

Shiloh is paying just over £4m for the mills which Courtaulds pointed out had an asset value of £6m. They made profits last year of £800,000 and are on course this year to increase this to £1m. Courtailds bought Swan Lane in 1974 and has invested heavily there in the past 10 years, spending around £5m in new computerised machinery

However under the leadership of Martin Taylor, now chief executive of Barclays Bank, the Textiles business turned its sights towards the clothing business. It is now a large supplier of underwear to Marks and

The introduction of full competition into the domestic electricity market is to be delayed for at least six months after an intense lobbying campaign by

the industry. The delay means that Britain's 23 million domestic electricity consumers will not all be able to shop around among different suppliers until the autumn of 1998 and perhaps even later. Professor Stephen Littlechild,

the industry regulator, announced yesterday that competition would be phased in from 1 April, 1998 based on postal codes. Initially, only 10 per cent of customers will be allowed to switch supplier when the market is liberalised.

A further 15 per cent of households or some 3.5 million customers nationally will be able

to shop around from the end of tion covering an initial 2 million May. A third phase of liberalisation, covering another 25 per cent of customers, will be phased

But the remaining 50 per cent of the market - accounting for more than 11 million households - will not be able to switch suppliers until mid-September. The regional electricity com-

in towards the end of July.

panies (RECs) had proposed that the changeover be phased in over 18 months because of the huge logistical and technological problems posed by giving 23

freedom from day one.
Professor Littlechild has rejected this but he also said it would be necessary to monitor the situation closely. "If any sig-nificant problems arise it would be possible to delay or reduce the size of subsequent phases."
The first phase of liberalisa-

customers will include all nondomestic consumers in the below 100 kilowatt market such as retailers and small businesses, those with half-hourly metering and those with multiple sites. Eastern Group, Britain's biggest electricity distributor with 3 million customers, said: "We are pleased with the controlled market start up, the method of using post codes and

the inclusion of all small businesses within the first phase." Brian Staples, chief executive of United Utilities, the electricity and water supplier for the North-west, has put the costs of preparing the market for liberalisation at £1bn. The company is spearheading a campaign to persuade Professor Littlechild count in setting his next set of price controls.

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#### Two ex-MTM bosses convicted of fraud

Jill Treanor

Two former executives of MTM, once the UK's secondbiggest fine chemicals firm, were convicted yesterday at the Old Bailey on fraud charges brought by the Serious Fraud Office and the North York-

shire Police Fraud Squad. Richard Lines, 60, former chairman and a founder of MTM, was convicted of two offences of conspiring to account falsely and one offence of making misleading, false or deceptive statements. Thomas Baxter, 45, the com-

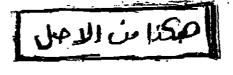
and another of making mis-leading, false or deceptive state-He was acquitted on a further account of conspiring to account falsely. Sentencing was de-

pany's former finance director, was convicted of one count of

conspiracy to account falsely

During the trial, which spurt-

ed in June, Vivian Robinson, for the SFO said: "Lines and Bax-ter, assisted by others, gooked the books in order to give the impression that the company was a good deal more profitable that was, in fact, the case.





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especially to those with negative equity, is how much bigger their actual house price is than the

mortgage'

Housing market in danger of bouncing too high So much for all that guff about how the last recession taught us all a jolly good quarters of steady real increases and houslesson about the perils of investing in housing. It is now clear beyond any doubt that a

new housing boom is under way. What is more, it has the Government cheering it on from the sidelines, in the vain hope that voters will see it as evidence of an economy well managed. In fact it was always likely to be the case that the longer the fall in house prices continued, the bigger the bounce was going to be, just as in any other market. The hardest question to answer over the last three years has been just when that bounce will actually happen.

The evidence is now accumulating that we have at last reached the turning point and that prices are now rising with a momentum that risks getting out of control. One of the best ways to see this is to look at real house prices, after adjusting for inflation.

It is true that, for most homebuyers, real prices are a rather pointless theoretical notion. What matters, especially to those with negative equity, is how much bigger their house price is than the mortgage. But in fact real prices have proved a rather better guide to the market than nominal prices. Over the last quarter-century, real house prices have shown several periods of sustained decline. In the 1970s these were bigger than any in the latest recession, though they did not persist for as long.

ing market turnover took off again.

Data from building societies has been showing small and faltering annual rises for three years, in nominal terms, which has led to much confusion about trends. But with the exception of one quarter at the end of 1994, the more significant measure of real house price inflation has been consistently negative since 1989 - until the last few months that is, when suddenly it became

sharply and convincingly positive.
With house prices rising at an annual 7-8 per cent this autumn and inflation under 3 per cent, it is at last possible to point to a genuine change in the market. Unfortu-nately, the house price take-off is not a phenomenon that can be dealt with by the odd quarter-point rise in mortgage rates. It takes a lot to change human nature; the last recession was nowhere near enough.

#### Who is running the Racal hotch-potch?

Racal has demerged so much of its vital innards over the years (Vodafone, Chubb), delivering huge amounts of value to shareholders in the process, that it really shouldn't come as much of surprise that what remains is, well, a bit of a hotch-potch The interesting point is how quickly after previous price collapses the market recov-

the Racal rump. Profits for the full year are not going to be just a few mil below what the stock market was expecting. In fact they are going to be £20m less and the interims are being rushed forward to clarify the position.

The main problem appears to be in the military radio division, where expected orders have been slow to come through. However, it is hard to see how this can explain the full extent of the damage, since such orders are generally very long term and the profits that flow from them therefore easy to predict.

Tough rules exist these days to prevent companies massaging down stock market expectations in the way they once did by drip-feeding the bad news over a period of time. These days, all the bad news has to be released in one, humiliating go by way of a publicly amounced trading statement. But this doesn't really explain the problem either. The extent of the shortfall seems to have been as much of a shock to directors as it was the stock market.

It is hard to resist the impression of a company not properly in control of its affairs or reporting structures. That may be unfair, but directors still have a lot of explaining to do whatever the truth. There are still lots of 'good bits" within Racal, as well as some good stories to tell about them, but there doesn't seem to be much of a strategy to connect and unify them.

with a quite disastrous profits warning from | matter in a company like Racal. Its investment appeal was always as one of that lucky breed of companies which every now and again, seemingly by chance, stumbles across a gold mine - Vodafone being the most spectacular example.

But just how many times is it possible to win the National Lottery, investors will be asking themselves.

#### Emap kicks itself in the teeth

In the end it was inevitable that the Emap Two would have to go. But in parting company with its dissident non-executive direc-tors, Professor Ken Simmonds and Joe Cooke, Emap has neither enhanced its own reputation nor struck a blow for better corporate governance.

What began as a spat over proposed changes in the company's articles of association quickly degenerated into a full-blown and very public row over the way Sir John Hoskyns chairs the Emap board from which no one emerges with much credit.

The dissidents were made to look smallminded and obsessive - witness their belligerent and personalised attacks on the Emap top brass during yesterday's extraordinary meeting.

On the other hand Sir John and his fellow directors come over as a rather smug that they actually bothered to hold an egm yesterday to dispense with Mr Cooke and Professor Simmonds when the changes in the company's articles which originally sparked the row rendered such a meeting unnecessary is neither here nor there.

The power of the proxy has crushed many a small shareholder revolt and it was on display again yesterday at the Connaught Rooms in London, scene to Emap's meeting. It is a safe bet that Emap would not have held an egm if there was any danger of losing the vote.

It is important to remember why the changes in the articles (they were passed at last July's agm) were so objectionable to the two dissidents. Emap has removed the requirement for there to be no fewer than five non-executives and given its board the power to remove a fellow director by a 75 per cent vote.

Nothwithstanding what Emap says, this is not in line with current practice. In fact Emap is distinctly in the minority. Nor, as has been suggested, is it a means of pre-venting shareholder interests from being abused by a domineering chairman. Such creatures tend to fill boardrooms with placemen. In fact the effect of the changes is to make it easier to stifle dissent and harder to keep rogue executives in check.

Between now and his retirement in 1998 Sir John has a duty to set up adequate safe-Perhaps, in the end, this doesn't much | bunch who pay lip service to shareholder | guards to prevent this from ever happening.

#### City to examine **BZW** cash route

Peter Rodgers Financial Editor

Institutions said yesterday that they had agreed to participate in a detailed examination of a new technique for raising cap-ital for companies, following a meeting at BZW last Friday.

BZW put forward a proposal aimed at resolving a dispute in the City about the future of shareholders' pre-emption rights which could also help fend off a threatened monopolies inquiry into the City's charges for

Richard Regan of the Association of British Insurers, called the meeting "constructive and productive". The institutions are to examine the proposal in more detail in a working group with BZW. The meeting included representatives of the National Association

of Pension Funds. BZW told the institutions that it was possible with its new proposals to sell shares through a book-building exercise while preserving the pre-emption right of existing shareholders to first refusal of new shares, pro rata to their existing holdings.

Book-building is an American import in which shares are marketed directly to all potential buyers, not just existing share-holders. Until now it has been seen as a direct attack on the British system of rights issues because under a book-building existing shareholders receive no special treatment. The two methods were seen as mutually

Although the debate is about a technicality of corporate fi-nance, it has split the City down the middle. Integrated investment banks want to use bookbuilding much more extensively.

exclusive.

But traditional merchant banks and most investing institutions have regarded bookbuilding as a way of undermining their pre-emption rights, and they claim it also brings much bigger fees to ad-

However, there appear to be several unanswered ques-tions about BZW's plans, including the impact on small shareholders and the size of the fees that would be charged to

companies. Another important technicality that the institutions want resolved is how trading in nilpaid rights would be preserved. Under the traditional system, the right to subscribe to an issue can have a value of its own that can be bought and sold without actually subscribing for

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# Industry leaders fear soaring pound will lead to higher rates

Yvette Cooper and Michael Harrison

Industry leaders yesterday voiced renewed concern over the strength of sterling as the pound rose to its highest level for 34 months amid speculation that the Chancellor, Kenneth Clarke, will have to raise interest rates again soon.

Meanwhile new economic data released yesterday provided further support for the wager in the markets that base rates are set to go up with both money supply and demand for

consumer goods grew strongly again in November, showing that the consumer boom is conpressure on Kenneth Clarke to hurt."

make a pre-emptive strike against inflationary pressures.
Sterling briefly passed the DM2.60 level before falling back slightly to DM2.5975 - still its strongest showing since February 1994. Meanwhile it rose by 0.5 to 94.5 on the trade-

weighted index.
The Confederation of British Industry said: "The message increasingly coming back from our members is that the strength of then pound is very worrying and will increasingly eopardise our export competitiveness." Alan Armitage, chief econo-

manufactured consumer goods growing strongly in November.

Both the money supply and the demand for manufactured is going to make life harder in export markets. Manufacturers like the competitive edge that a lower currency brings and any tinuing to swell and putting appreciation in the pound will

He said, however, that it was too early to say whether the level of new orders was being affected while many exporters were already well-hedged against the stronger pound.

In the markets there seemed little end in sight to the pound's "Everybody loves sterling," said Joe Prendergast, currency strategist at Merrill Lynch.

Speculators are betting that Mr Clarke will have to raise interest rates soon because economic growth and inflationary pressures are rising. The Chartered Institute of

Purchasing and Supply (CIPS) reported in its latest survey yesterday that the stronger for output and new orders pound had dampened overseas demand for certain goods as export prices rise.

However, the stronger pound also makes it cheaper for man-

ufacturers to import components and raw materials - many of which are priced in dollars thus helping to offset the effect on exports.

Despite the pressures on exporters, demand for British manufacturing in other areas remains strong. The Purchasing Managers' Index, produced by the CIPS to reflect the state of activity in the manufacturing sector, remained roughly stable at 54.4, compared with 54.5 in

October. Meanwhile, rising domestic demand is more than compensating for any squeeze on orders from abroad - particularly consumer demand. The CIPS index among manufacturers of consumer goods showed the sharpest rise of any sector.

Manufacturers of investment goods, on the other hand, saw

new orders (for new plant and machinery) slow considerably in November, reflecting continued business reluctance to invest.

Adam Cole of HSBC James Capel said the figures showed that "growth remains heavily skewed towards consumers rather than investment. Given that the Budget shifted the tax burden away from consumers and onto businesses, this is bad news for medium-term growth."

Figures from the Bank of England on the money supply reinforced the evidence of strong consumer spending, MO, which shows the amount of notes and coins in circulation, grew by 7.5 per cent in the year to November, up marginally on the 7.4 per cent in the year to October.

This is far above the Government's monitoring range for M0 of 0-4 per cent.

#### MAM plans payout for shareholders after £100m Mercury sale

Jill Treanor Banking Correspondent

Mercury Asset Management, Britain's largest independent fund management group, is selling Mercury Bank, its Swiss private bank, for SFr250m (£100m) to Republic National Bank of New York Suisse.

The sale will generate approximately £40m in cash for MAM as the deposits of Mercury Bank had been consolidated on MAM's balance sheet. Stephen Zimmerman, deputy chairman of MAM, said the sets for Republic National, group was considering redistributing the proceeds of the sale to shareholders.

"We will be looking at ways, if we don't have use for the cash. to return it to shareholders]. Mr Zimmerman said.

He said MAM would not know if it needed the cash until And before returning any

cash to shareholders the company would need clarification of the tax implications of share buy-backs and large dividends following the recent action taken by Kenneth Clarke, the Chancellor.

The decision to sell the private bank is part of MAM's strategy to concentrate on its core investment management business and its UK and Jerseyhased international private client operations.

In addition, MAM will manage a "significant" pool of aswhich specialises in private banking. It is 100 percent owned by Safra Republic Holdings, which in turn is part of the Republic New York Corpora-

tion Banking Group.

MAM will keep its representative office in Zurich, which markets mutual funds and inthe time of its results in March. vestment services for institu-

#### Ofgas under pressure to get tough on pushy independent salesmen

**Business Correspondent** 

Pressure was mounting last night on the gas industry watchdog, Ofgas, to introduce tough controls on doorstep selling as concern increased about tactics used by independent suppliers as they attempted to persuade households to switch from British Gas in competition trials due to start in the south of Sue Slipman, the director of

the Gas Consumers Council, vesterday called on Ofgas to intervene in a row between independent gas companies over a proposed voluntary code of conduct which would be policed by the industry. She said: "We keep coming across more in-stances of unacceptable practices. What we're saying to Ofgas is that if you get this wrong then you will be bringing competition into disrepute.

Ms Slipman has written to the Gas Shippers' Forum, the body which represents most independent suppliers, to complain about the code, which she says does not go far enough. A draft of the document arrived at the GCC's London headquarters on Friday afternoon with a reply demanded in just two hours. In recent weeks the GCC has



Sue Slipman: Says some sales tactics are unacceptable

received growing numbers of complaints from consumers in the two trial areas, Dorset and the former county of Avon, and Kent and Sussex. Eastern Natural Gas, owned by Hanson, has dismissed one sales agent and suspended another after allegations they misled customers.

In the first competition trial. which began in the South-west of England in May, there were complaints about the high pressure tactics used by Sweb, the regional electricity company. Many consumers claimed they did not realise they had signed up to a formal supply contract after a doorstep sales visit.

Ofgas has attempted to dis-tance itself from rows over marketing tactics, which it believes are the responsibility of the competition watchdog, the Office of Fair Trading. A spokesman said: "We just don't have the legal authority to do

The GCC says that "cold-calling" on the doorstep by a sales force can be acceptable as long as it is rigorously policed. Any code of conduct should include seven-day cooling-off periods for consumers and follow-up phone calls to confirm that customers understand what

#### Bacon & Woodrow may limit liability has 45 partners and more than Bacon & Woodrow and the ac-

Peter Rodgers Financial Editor Bacon & Woodrow, the actuarial firm, is joining the large number of accountancy and other professional organisa-tions which are looking at

whether to drop their unlimited partnership status. Following a weekend meeting of partners at which incorporation or a switch to a limited partnership in Jersey were among the options under discussion, Duncan Ferguson, seer been sued in 70 years until

nior partner, said: "I am sure we will limit our liability in due Bacon & Woodrow, which

1,000 staff, was prompted to search for ways of ending its unlimited liability partnership status by the shock of having to fight a £400m lawsuit. It is the threat of enormous actions for damages that has persuaded most of the accountancy firms to look for new limited ownership structures. The lawsuit against Bacon &

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attempt to obtain damages from

NRG failed in its High Court

the reinsurers' acquisition of Victory Remsurance from Legal & General in 1990. But Mr Ferguson confirmed the pressures of the case which could have cost each

had prompted the rethink about partnership status. would not be taken until the confused legal and tax picture of limited liability parmerships

ison group found that more than half of partnerships in the professions were considering limiting partners liability. The sample of 90 firms included so-



# countants Ernst & Young over

Woodrow was brought by NRG, the reinsurance subsidiary of ING, the Dutch banking group.
Mr Ferguson said: "We had nev-

partner millions if it had lost -Mr Ferguson said a decision

was resolved and so a decision had been deferred. The firm would not make the move in 1997, and because of the confusion it had decided to

Jersey recently changed its laws to encourage UK partnerships to switch to the island. The British Government has promised an on-shore equivalent to persuade them not to go. but the Inland Revenue has created a serious obstacle by threatening to tax limited partnerships as if they were incorporated.

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### Courage gives S&N a boost

proposed takeover of Carisberg-Tetley by Bass, Scottish & Newcastle vesterday kicked off a busy week for Britain's brewers with a better-thanexpected set of half-year figures.

Pre-tax profits were 26 per cent higher at 195m, helped by a full sixmonth contribution from last year's Courage deal. But what impressed the market most was S&N's ability to grow earnings per share by 18 per £18m of costs have been taken out cent in a year when one of its main so far, with £45m planned for the full businesses - Center Parcs - again year. turned in a poor performance. Profits there were down £5m, hit by the economic problems of northern Europe as well as one-off costs in the Benelux countries and £1m of

redundancy charges. S&N chief executive Brian a concept that has peaked and points to UK occupancy rates of 91 Chef & Brewer pub-restaurants per cent and rising spend per head figures both in the UK and Europe. eventual target of 150. Another per cent and rising spend per head figures both in the UK and Europe. However, speculation continues that the business may be sold, although a float of the continental

Center Parcs is another possibility The division which wrong-footed analysts was brewing, where the re- £380m, S&N shares are trading at named Scottish Courage business a discount to rivals such as Whit- man and chief executive Howard

With the beer industry braced for an imminent OFT decision on the THE INVESTMENT COLUMN

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improved profits by a better-thanexpected 67 per cent to £90m. S&N has been building margins rather than chasing sales with its stable of brands, which include Theakston's, John Smith's and McEwan's. Some

With the economy improving in the South of England faster than in the North, management admits these results would not have looked

as good without the Courage deal. In retailing, S&N lags behind Whitbread in the development of Stewart denies that Center Parcs is themed pubs and restaurants. However, it is starting to motor with 35 format earmarked for roll-out is Barras & Co. the community pub brand started earlier his year.

With a forward price-earnings of 14, assuming full-year profits hit

bread and Bass, the latter of which reports later this week. S&N shares jumped 22p to 661p yesterday and would rise further if management can demonstrate that Center Parcs is on the mend. A strong hold.

#### Ascot head is worth backing

Ascot Holdings' pedigree is hardly of the sort to inspire confidence. Better known in its old guise as Control Securities, the one-time pubs to hotels group was formerly the vehicle of disgraced businessman Nazmu Virani. Not content with its own colourful past, this summer Ascot paid £290m for Suter, the miniconglomerate whose name is synonymous with that of its contro-

versial chairman, David Abell. But if anyone is going to help Ascot escape its history, it is chair-

Dyer, who is credited with turning round Hamleys, the toyshop group. Mr Dyer is busy turning Ascot on its head, so yesterday's interim results showing pre-tax profits slid-ing from £8.8m to £1.2m in the six months to September are pretty

meaningless as a guide to the future. The figures reflect a divestment programme which has seen the group raise over £200m from disposals since Mr Dyer's arrival in 1991. He expects to raise close to £40m more over the next two years from selling most of the former Control assets of pubs and other properties.

That will all be needed, as gearing has soured to 244 per cent since the Suter acquisition. But Mr Dyer is confident of paying that down easily within a two to three-year timetable mainly through the disposal of two of Suter's four divisions.

Specialist engineering will defi-nitely be kept. The Searle refrigeration equipment business and Floform spark plug electrode operations both have strong market shares. Chemicals also looks safe. That leaves the automotive arm and a rag-bag ranging from drills to beauty care mostly likely to be on the block early next year.

Profits of £28m next year, of 700p to last night's £24.375p.

Scottish & Newcastle : at a glance Dividends per share (serice) 16.8

assuming no Suter disposals, would put the shares, up 1.5p at 326.5p, on a forward p/e ratio of 14. Worth backing the man, even if it may be a while before a clear picture of the iness emerges.

#### BTG's patent potential

Shares in BTG, the old British Technology Group, have been among the best performers on the stock market in the last year, rising from a low

Ownership of potentially lucrative patents lies behind the shares rise. BTG patents whacky inventions and licences the intellectual property rights to big groups like Zeneca and SmithKline Beecham and biotech companies, including Peptide Therapeutics, and carns royalties in return.

BTG currently owns over 9,000 patents but the most exciting prospect is Torotrak, a fuel-saving variable transmission system developed inhouse and licensed to nine vehicle manufacturers, including Ford and Toyota. Ultimately Torotrak could replace cars' gearbox system, making for a lighter, more fuel efficient system with fewer moving parts.

Japanese investment bank Yamaichi reckons Torotrak could be worth up to £1bn, compared with BTG's current market value of £427m.

In the meantime, a final payment estimated at £2m for BTG's Pyrethrin crop protection insecticide allowed the group to post interim pre-tax profits of £170,000 versus a £2.1m loss a year ago, though BTG is cautious about whether it will remain in the black for the full year.

A proposed one-for-five share split should improve marketability. Yamaichi's estimated net present value ranges from £400m to £3bn, implying a share price potential of up to £170. Interesting, but speculative.

# IT'S SIMPLER TO SEND A CARD.

If you run a small business and you'd like to say "Thank You" to your customers this Christmas, a card is the best way to get your message across.

It provides a nice personal touch that's warm and friendly without being over the top. And, unlike a business card which usually goes straight into the bottom of a drawer or

the waste-paper bin, your card will be a thoughtful reminder of your services right up to Twelfth Night.

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#### Rank passes up Trump deal

Magnus Grimond

Rank, the Mecca bingo halls to Butlin's holidays group, yester-day pulled out of talks to invest \$50m (£30m) in Donald Trump's Castle casino in Atlantic City, New Jersey.

The plan, unveiled in October, was to redecorate the casino to give it the theme of the Hard Rock chain of hamburger restaurants, which Rank bought out entirely in a £270m deal in June. Rank's shares fell 9.5p to

425.5p yesterday. Trump's Castle, part of the leisure empire which is spearheading a comeback for the eponymous former property tycoon, was to have been group sharing in some of the Andrew Teare, formerly of English China Clays, took the helm in April, said it now regarded the potential returns on the proposed investment as "inadequate".

A Rank spokeswoman said: We explored the possibility of rebranding Trump Castle with Hard Rock branding, but hav-ing explored it fully, frankly the returns as we perceived it just weren't going to meet our criteria." She said there were no plans to reopen the talks.

Trump Hotels & Casino Resorts had earlier announced the termination of discussions in New York. The group said. however, that it retained exclusive, long-term restrictive covenants for themed restaurants, entertainment venues and casinos by Hard Rock Cafe International in the Atlantic City market. These "covenants" were included in the agreeconverted into a Hard Rock ment which established the Casino Hotel, with the British Hard Rock Cafe and merchan-Hard Rock Cafe and merchandise store in the Trump Tay Maprofits. But Rank, where hal in Atlantic City. Other possible themes for Trump's Castle have been pursued, the company said. It refused to elaborate on what these were. but a decision is expected

#### In Brief

 International equity placings rose to a record \$39.4bm (£23.4bn) in the first nine months of the year, up from \$22.4bn in the same period last year, the OECD said. The January to September total was unprecedented and evidence of bullish stock markets, it said in a report on financial market trends. The share of privatisations rose to \$8.5bn, from \$6.7bn a year earlier, representing 21.6 per cent of the total, after 29.9 per cent last year. The US accounted for \$5.5bn, up from \$4.4bn a year earlier, Sweden for \$4.1bn, up from \$400m, the UK for \$3.6bn, up from \$1.6bn, Italy for \$1.8bn, up from \$0.1bn, France for \$1.7bn, down from \$1.9bn and Germany for \$1.3bn, up from \$1.1bn.

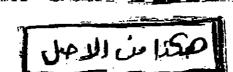
 The Stock Exchange's Alternative Investment Market received a boost when the Inland Revenue announced a capital gains tax clearance scheme that should help make it more attractive to investors. In future, AIM companies will be able to approach the Inland Revenue for a ruling in advance on whether their shares will qualify for capital gains tax reinvestment relief. This relief allows investors to defer their CGT liabilities if they reinvest in a qualifying company. Until now there has been considerable un-certainty about whether individual AIM shares are eligible, mainly because ownership of a foreign subsidiary may disqualify a company's shares. This rule has been relaxed so companies qualify if the majority of their business is in the UK.

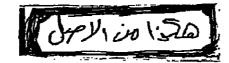
 UK Active Value, the fund which owns 9 per cent of Kenwood, said it would be happy to recommend a paper offer for the household appliances group from the much smaller Pifco, "assuming it was at an appropriate level". The fund was reacting to reports that Pifco was seeking to buy Kenwood, which has been under siege from rebel shareholders. UK Active Value has already called for an extraordinary general meeting on 16 December to consider seeking offers for the company.

• P&O Containers and Nedlloyd Lines have signed an agreement for a \$1bn (£595m) credit facility. It will provide finance for P&O Nedlloyd Container Line, which will be formed from the merger of the container businesses of The Peninsular and Oriental Steam Navigation and Royal Nedlloyd Group NV. "The fa-cility will fund P&O Nedlloyd's initial borrowings and the company's working capital requirements," P&O Containers said.

 Paribas, a French bank, is moving its Spanish bond trading activities to London from Madrid although corporate bond busing ness will continue to be run from the Spanish capital. The team of government bond and "repo" traders will report to Stefano Pashetto, co-head of European bond sales, who will co-ordinate the bank's sales activities in Italy, Spain and Portugal. The move reflects the growing internationalisation of the Spanish market and an increasing interest by Paribas' overseas clients in Spain,

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Sterling performance by pound leaves Footsie wilting laking Stock It was as if the fates conspired under the whip of rumoured

to ensure the stock market forecast cuts. started the Christmas month in There was talk a leading US a decidedly miserable mood. securities house had decided Fears of another base rate the shares were too high and deserved to be nearer 800p. It increase, underlined by Abbey National's move, an even more was enough to clip the price 8.5p to 970p. rampant sterling and a dull New York display were just three of the inhibiting influ-

Hanson, now moving into the final throes of its painful demerger, fell 2.5p to 77.5p as NatWest Securities stuck an The Racal Electronics debacle, real and rumoured prof-81p valuation on what remains it downgradings and a of the one temptation to lock in some glomerate. of the once powerful conprofits also gnawed at shares. Footsie, in thin trading, end-ed 19.5 points lower at 4,038.5

points. Second- and third-lin-

Storehouse found yet a new 12-month low as the Barclays tied building and related shares as fears grew that higher mortcontinued to weigh heavily. But Nat West remains bullish. It believes the growth of overseas franchise operations has been overlooked. The shares fell 5p to 256.5p. Burton gained 2.25p to 151p with MeesPier-



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son suggesting an 180p target. Racal fused 50p to 222p and Berisford International, the kitchens and bathrooms group, tumbled 9p to 135p with the mystery bidder backing away. Courtaulds slipped 3p to 397p part from lower values for building material shares here and in the US.

Storehouse form managed a 3.5p gain to 152p. on hopes of lower German in-

terest rates. Scottish & Newcastle, the brewing group, was the best performing blue chip, gaining 22p to 661p as interim figures came in ahead of most expec-tations. Bass, year's figures tomorrow, rose 10.5p to 794p.

stock market reporter of the year Utilities threw off the lethar-

gy as takeover hopes flickered again. London Electricity rose 11.5p to 657.5p and Yorkshire 5.5p to 764p. There were also ripples in the water sector with Severn Trent up 6.5p to 660.5p. Semple Cochrane, an engineering services group, could

have chosen a better day to make its debut. In the event it still managed a healthy pre-mium, closing at 218.5p from a 180p placing.

On Demand Information, an electronic publisher, managed an 8p gain to 47.5p as the com-

pany said it knew of no reason for the share price decline. The

shares were around 140p two

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months ago. Verson International, an engineer, which announced a near £5.8m loss late on Friday, fell 2.5p to 14p. Clubpartners International, a golf group, bunkered itself, falling op to 13.5p after disclosing it had received take-over bids at below the market price. The shares were 33p in

Wiggins, the property group, fell 0.75p to 7.25p. Chief executive Oliver Iny has made peace with his creditors over guarantees he gave over a failed property company which should remove fears he may be forced to dump shares.

Wiggins intends to announce

its interim figures soon. SR Gent, the Marks & Spencer clothing supplier, jumped 8p to 64.5p. The hard-pressed group disclosed it was in bid talks in October. The

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shares have been as high as up 30 per cent at £2.6m and 94p. They were floated the enlarged group could hit through a tender off in 1984 - £4m this year. The shares fell the strike price was 184p. La- 6.5p to 125p. mont, another textile group which has found the going tough, was 2.5p higher at 186.5p on vague talk of a Dutch bid. The shares have come down from 324p in the

summer. kitchen equipment group, is another where a bidder hovers. sudden flurry, with one deal of 25,000 shares going through at 67p just before the market most likely bidder.

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talking to the company which parts. It is paying £6.86m for Madison, which sells cycle

a one-for-three ratio at 116p. Young's profits last year were

The stockbroker distributed Corporate Executive Search, saying the company had achieved half-year turnover

But CES accounts have still to be finalised and Ellis has asked that the "rogue notes" should be disregarded.

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# Franc likely to be dethroned in the battle to set currency rates

There are two stories on the foreign exchanges at the moment: the heat is on the French franc for a devaluation; and beat of a rather different sort is on sterling for a further revaluation.

For anyone not intimately in tune with the strange logic of the exchanges this must seem a curious turn of events. France, with a current account surplus, virtually no inflation, tight monetary and a tightening fiscal policy, and of course a prospective core member of the European Monetary

Union, has a much weaker currency than six months ago. even though there has been no real change in the economic numbers in the interim. Britain, with strongish growth and a current account balance, with a fairly loose monetary policy and an only slowly tightening fiscal policy, and with some signs of inflation a-looming, has a much strong currency, even through there has also been no real change in the numbers. What is up?

There is a on swer, which is this. The French economy is growing slowly and needs devaluation or a sharp cut in interest rates to get it go-ing again, while the UK economy is growing fast and sterling has become a "safe" haven

from the impending euro.

The trouble with that sort of nswer is that it explains what is happening, but not why. The answer to the "why?" takes a little longer. It comes in two parts. The first is fashion. The world financial community has decided that EMU might not

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mood. There is a second and more substantial explanation for the change which relies not so much on fashion as on some hard calculations about the real underlying value of cur-rencies. As we (or rather they) have got nearer to EMU people have started to try to work out whether the present rela-tionship between the various currencies is durable: not whether they are "right", because there is no absolutely right rate; rather whether they are near enough to be credible

in the long term. If you say you are going to lock currencies together for ever and a day, you have to be absolutely confident that you have given the choice of rate your best shot. If the choice is cobbled together by politicians late on a Sunday night (as was the lira's re-entry to the ERM) this is unlikely to impress.

So what are "reasonably right" rates? I have just come across some purchasing power parity calculations published by the US investment bank. PaineWebber. These PPP rates, developed by comparing prices in the different countries, are not necessarily the best sustainable rates for the medium term, and certainly not for the short. Actual rates are affected not just by the state economies find themselves in at any one stage of the economic cycle, but by things like the relative com-



Hamish McRae

The French economy is growing slowly and needs devaluation or a cut in rates to get it going again while the UK

petitiveness of export industries and by the willingness of citizens to save. A wonderful export sector, a fairly inefficient system of local distribution and a high propensity to save explains why the yen is so high.

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Very efficient distribution and Yes, a bit - a 6 per cent devala lack of savings explains why the dollar tends to be weak. Nevertheless PPP rates are a useful guide to where, eventually, you might expect exchange rates to settle.

Now have a look at the table. These are not the only calculations of PPPs by any means; others have done them with rather different results. But they are useful base from which to start. The dollar under-valuation stands out, of course, being nearly 27 per cent too low against the German mark and more than 36 per cent too low against the Japan-ese yen. The sterling rate is not too bad - Paine Webber reckons that the PPP rate should be \$1.54, about where the pound was last summer, and that now the pound is 8-9 per cent over-valued against the dollar.

Few surprises there. But now look at the rates for sterling against the mark and the franc. The PPP rate is DM3.23, which is 20 above the present rate, but higher than the cen-tral rate of sterling when it was ejected from the ERM. Against the franc, we are some 17 per cent too high: the PPP rate is about Fr10 to the pound, that useful 10-to-one ratio that made it so easy to work out the prices on the menu in a French

Is. on this basis, the franc over-valued against the mark?

uation should set them right. But compared with some of the others on the list, the franc is not the problem: the problem is the mark/dollar rate.

Now it so happens that that is very much what monetary officials have been saying. Europe's problem is not so much an internal one of the rates between European currencies, but an external one between European currencies as a whole and the dollar. Sterling at the moment is a half-way house, being overvalued against the dollar and undervalued against the mark and the franc. Most other calculations would put the pound a bit lower - I have seen rates between DM3.10 and DM2.50 but they would not change the general picture.
What should the conclu-

sions be from all this for the two issues noted above: the weak franc and the strong pound? The main one, surely, is that while there may be a case a slightly lower franc, it is not a powerful one. There is on the other hand a powerful case for lower French interest rates, and if the price for that were allowing the franc to slide down a little it would make great economic sense. As for sterling you can make a decent case for the recent apprecia-tion, and it would be tolerable for that appreciation to move a little further forward. But while there is leeway against the main continental currencies there is none against the dollar. We could sustain another

5 per cent revaluation of the exchange rate, but we are heading into unsustainable territory if we go too far beyond that. My guess is that eventually the markets will get their way and manage to dethrone the franc and that for a while sterling will become too strong. But that is not for any scientific reason: it is simply because the exchanges always overshoot; like supertankers, once they start heading in one direction it

#### Our Ken turns to Ofex for fun and games

Eh'up, chuck, our Ken's launching a company on Ofex. William Roache, the actor who plays Ken Barlow on Coronation Street, is raising £705,000 via an offer for subscription for his company Mambi.

Mr Roache founded Mambi in 1994 to market his own board game "Libel", which he invented while fighting a high-profile legal action against the Sun.

Mr Roache subsequently challenged the Sun's columnist Gary Bushell to a match of "Libel", and then helped Mr Bushell with is TV programme, Bushell on the Box. Mr Roache wants Mambi to develop more celebrity-related games, and is offering 43.5 per cent of the company to raise funds.

The market capital of Mambi will be around £1,620,000. Mr Roache has recruited Brian Hicks, a Hertfordshire-based accountant, as financial director, and both of them will be fleshing out their plans at a press conference this Thursday. Watch this space.

To the Hyde Park Hilton in London for an evening's pugilism courtesy of Goldman

My reason for being there is that Richard Sermon, formerly known to me only as a public relations chap with Shandwick and sometime spokesman for Goldman, is also chairman of The London Federation of Clubs for

Young People.

The Federation has a distinguished history of holding boxing championships for young lads in the Capital, and last week it was the Senior

Boxing Finals. Seldom can so disparate a collection of people have gathered for a single event. There was Mr Sermon compering the evening, sat next to the Duke of Edinburgh, who was celebrating his 50th year as patron of the association. Mr Sermon is standing for election in January as an AlPEOPLE & BUSINESS



Right up his street: William Roache aka Ken Barlow

tion. With such connections. surely "Sir Richard" cannot be far away. Among the hundreds of

dinner-jacketed junketeers who cheered the 20 or so boxers along, there was the author Martin Amis. Or as the ring announcer said, "will you welcome

please the famous writer Mr Martin Aims". Boxer Barry McGuigan

and Irish footballer Ray Houghton added to the glitter of the occasion. Fenced off from the diners were the family and friends of

the boxers, who frequently in-terjected with cheerful cries of, "Kill "im, Kevin." There was also a large City contingent, including tables from Barings and Guinness Flight, who exchanged insults throughout the evening. Guinness Flight started the

fun by sponsoring one bout

still here." Needless to say, the hoxing, which was closely medically supervised, was more entertaining.

Those Acca people are having a torrid time of late. The Chartered Association of . Certified Accountants, fresh from a public bust-up with accountancy Professor Prem Sikka, has taken legal action against an Irish accountancy

body for plagiarism.

Anthen Rose, Accu's chief executive, says it has obtained an order restraining the Institute of Incorporated Public Accountants (IIPA) "from plagiarising Acca's syllabus and examination materials".

Ms Rose says: "It is regret-

table that an organisation

which purports to be a profes sional body should have plagiarised our material." Cripes. It obviously doesn't pay to mix it with the toughles of Acca.

#### be such a brilliant idea after all. When the plan was for an enlarged DM zone, with the French franc bound in too, that seemed a reasonable prospect. Now, whatever happens, there will be problems. The euro will embrace several weak currencies, in which case it will be unattractive, or there will be great tension between the ins and the outs. The politicians have unwittingly managed to engineer a dramatic change of Foreign Exchange Rates Spot 1 months 3 months 16847 9-7 36-33 1000 122788 54-49 184-756 13327 25984 69-81 203-83 15424 88/177 277-98 640-608 52340 255-41 31-45 103-123 1281-276 13438 21-18 66-81 12538 53607 15-10 42-38 3/820 99500 222-177 655-556 59061 12768 75-73 90-87 269-258 91-101 149-147 44-45 655-556 59061 240-226 17308 15-10 16830 380-270 64270 31-48 12939 238-226 13137 15-25 12225 240-163 77320 0-0 255-168 14050 0-0 14075 82-74 5-1 180-90 12-21 15-8 85-76 10-18 93-52 0-0 64-71 0-0 39-37 6-3 50-25 16-20 41-16 40-37 14-18 20 27-30 54-56 1-4 24-19 121-15 10-6 119-69 40-48 152-101 119-114 38-35 2-7 80-85 97-99 5-9 70-65

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# Mulligan gets top school report

only problem is the jockey, but

collar-bone, and the man that

Chance wants to replace him,

it's a major problem."

JOHN COBB

There has been nothing wrong with the jumps season so far, but it is about to get even better. On Saturday, two of the brightest and best return to the stage: Viking Flagship at Sandown and Mr Mulligan at Chepstow.
There will be no Tingle

Creek - who died earlier this year - to lead out the runners for the Sandown chase that bears his name, but the reappearance of Viking Flagship in this race is becoming a similarly warming tradition.

This is the event that has been used to launch Viking Flagship for the last two years on campaigns that have yielded seven successes at the highest level.

The former champion twomiler was dethroned by Klairon Davis at Cheltenham last season, and Arthur Moore's gelding is among the list of six opponents declared to take on

12.30 Kemo Sabo

2.00 Jaunty General

1.00 Mr Christie

But David Nicholson's horse trainer, said yesterday. "My took his revenge in the Melling Chase at Aintree and, although some have suggested that the speed to take on the best at two miles has been blunted, no one could question his trademark toughness and durability.

With Mr Mulligan different

qualities come to mind. This is the spectacular chestnut with the compellingly beautiful, blond mane and a dramatic front-running style that brought five straight wins last year. With those successes came a more dubious honour, that of being most people's idea of a Cheltenham Festival banker. There, of course, the beautiful dream was disturbed; Mr Mulligan uprooted the first fence and trailed in second behind Nahthen Lad in the Sun Alliance Chase.

The experience has not shaken him and there is plenty of stable confidence that the Cheltenham Gold Cup aspirant

2.30 Uncle Doug

3.00 Tico Gold

12.30 LEVY BOARD CONDITIONAL JOCKEYS HANDICAP HUR-DLE (CLASS E) £3,000 added 2m Penalty Value £2,285

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an improved gelding and he's taken to pick up where he left off. Miss Greenya

Mick Fitzgerald, may be required to ride for Nick Henderson at Sandown. RICHARD EDMONDSON

NAP: Plum First

(Southwell 11,40)

NB: The Lancer

(Newton Abbot 2.20)

Unsurprisingly, Fitzgerald is also lamenting this turn of events. "I'm retained by Mr Henderson, so it looks as though I will be required to be at Sandown," he said yesterday.
"It'd be a shame.

"I'm very lucky to have a very good job with Mr Henderson and you can't have your bread

out if a new partner is to have a getting-to-know-you session with Mr Mulligan. It is a process Mr Mulligan's regular rider, Richard Johnson, has a broken that would not have been necessary with Fitzgerald.
"I schooled him before the

[abandoned] Feltham Chase at Kempton last Christmas and he jumped well, but you could tell he was a novice. When I schooled him last Sunday he jumped like an old handicapper, very sure-foted, very neat. I

could really feel the difference." Fitzgerald is developing a name as a rider who can be called up to do a reliable job on the big occasion. It is a role that he clearly relishes and one which he has worked for by making himself available for schooling duties across the

His diary last week provides a typical profile of his carefully worked schedule. On Wednesday he was in Somerset, exercising a possible Hennessy mount in Paul Nicholls's Beling is among the list of six can make a winning return.

buttered on both sides."

mount in Paul Nicholls's Belopponents declared to take on Viking Flagship on Saturday. his skin," Noel Chance, his Chance is that time is running

back at that Lambourn trainer's base for the Mr Mulligan work on Sunday it was only after having performed a similar function in Surrey on the horse that gave him his greatest day, the Grand National winner, Rough Quest.

Having missed the Hennessy, Belmont King, who joined Nicholls from Ireland with a big reputation, will meet Mr Mulligan in Saturday's Rehearsal Chase. "Belmont King will put up a bold show at Chepstow. I think an awful lot of him," Fitzgerald said. "I put Rough Quest over nine fences and he was in very good shape. He was as rapid and accurate as always.

"Richard Dunwoody has been in the enviable position on many occasions of having ridden most of the top prospects for a race and he's able to assess the capabilities of most of the runners. In Saturday's Hennessy he'd ridden most of the field apart from Coome Hill. He's able to weight up options. That's a great position to be in."

#### Dwyer injured

Mark Dwyer was last night awaiting surgery on his arm following a fall in a novices' hurdle at Kelso. A hospital spokesman at the Borders General, at Melrose, said: "Mr Dwyer has serious arm injuries.

Sail By The Stars

der-1ds free. CAR PARK: On rails \$1.50, res

1250 Plum First 1.20 Poucher 1.50 Stormy Pas-

age 2.20 Ferrwick 2.50 SHAMARPHIL (nap) 3.20

BLINKREED FEST TIME: None Locy (12-50); Sorrel Hill (1-20). WINNERS IN THE LAST SEVEN DATS: None. LONG-DISTANCE EUINBERS: Chain Sanc (2-20) has been sem 178 miles by J Peacock from Americy, Shropshire.

12.50 KERRY LADY RIDERS NOVICE HANDI-CAP HURDLE (CLASS E) £3,000 2m 1f

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idinimum weight; 10st. The weights: Muns Lucy, Cellit; Emerald Str 11b. BETTING: 5-4 Royal Standard, 7-4 Shift Again, 7-2 Demonstration, 16 Tap Shoes, 20-1 Nums Lucy, 25-1 Celtic Excended

120 DUBLIN NOVICE HANDICAP CHASE

- 7 declared -Toccarea Minimum weight: 10st. True heroitap weight: Purheck Rambler 9st 13th.
BETTING: 5-2 Poucher, Well Timod, 7-2 Amber Spank, 6-1 leantalys, 5 rol Hill, 12-1 Colutte's Chaice, 20-1 Purbeck Rambler

1.50 WEXFORD 'NATIONAL HUNT' NOVICE HURDLE (CLASS E) £3,000 added 2m 1f

(CLASS E) £4,200 added 2m 5f 110yds

#### RACING'S FUTURES MARKET

Bookmakers' ante-post lists are racing's futures market. Readers can catch up with the latest developments - best prices are in bold - in this sphere with The Independent's Tuesday service.

1997 Champion Hardle: Large Action is a top-priced 8-1 with William Hill and the Tote - Ladbrokes go 5-1 - after his win at Fairyhouse. Space Trucker is 14-1 (Coral, William Hill and Tote) - Ladbrokes go 10-1 -after beating Castle Sweep and Dato Star in the Fighting Fifth Hurdle. Zabadi is 33-1 (Lad-

brokes) - Coral go 14-1 - after beating Urubande in the Gerry Fielden Hurdle. 1997 Cheltenham Gold Cup: The Hennessy winner, Coome Hill, is 20-1 (Ladbrokes) -

Coral William Hill and the

Tote go 14-1. lan Davies

Last week's column high lighted the subsequent Hennessy winner, Coome Hill, who was available at 10-1 with Coral (7-1 with the other leading firms) and started at 5-1.

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Alderbrook (K Baday)	9-2	7-2	3.1	_ 7-2. l	
Collier Bay (J Okt)	6-1	8-1	7-1	6-1	
Large Action (O Sherwood)	7:1	8-1	5-1	8-1	
Space Trucker (Mrs. J. Harrington)	14-1	14-1	10-1	34-1	
Excertefigue (D Nicholson)	16-1	14-1	14-2	14.1	
Castle Sweep (D Nicholson)	20-1	14-1	14-1	16-1	
Dato Star (J M Jofferson)	20-1	14-1	14-1	16-1	
Moonex (8 H)6s]	20-1	16-1	20-1	14-1	
Ujubaade (A O'Bnan)	16-1	20-1	16-1	16-1	
Zabadi (D Nicholson)	14-1	25-1	33-1	20-1	
Each-way a quarter the odds, places 1, 2, 3 (Cheltenham, Tuesday, 11 March)					

1997 Cheltenham G	old Cup	Chase (	3m 2f 11	Oyds)
Horse (Trainer)	Coral	William HBI	Ladbrokes	Tate
Imperial Call (F Suthesterd)	7-2	7-2	7-2	3-1
One Man (G Richards)	8-1	8-1	7-1	8-1
Roogh Quest (T Casey)	10-1	12-1	12-1	12-1
Coome Hill (W Derris)	14-1	14-1	20-1	14-1
Mir Mulligan (N Chance)	16-1	20-1	16-1	20-1
Natition Lad (Mrs. J. Paman)	20-1	20-1	20-1	20-1
Addington Boy (G Richards)	25-1	25-1	. 25-1	25-1
Bealo (D Alicholson)	25-1	20-1	20-1	20-1
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#### NEWTON ABBOT

BETTING: 7-4 Stormy Pessage, 5-2 Doice Notte, 4-1 Helio Ne Man, 6-: Moonlight Escapade, 9-1 Shantigore Warrior, 12-1 others 2.20 CORK HANDICAP CHASE (CLASS F) £3,600 added 2m 110yds 

2.50 LIMERICK HANDICAP CHASE (CLASS E) 

Maximum weigst: 10st. True handlich weigst: County Keeper Sts 11th. BETTHEE: 5-2 Bramblebill Buck, 7-2 Turee Saints, 9-2 Inlibrosher, 6-1 A N C Express, Stammayhill, 8-1 Plontin Sty, Steeple Jack, 12-1 others

3.20 SLIGO HANDICAP HURDLE (CLASS D) £3,750 added 2m 6f 

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LEADING TRAINERS WITH EUNINERS: Mrs M Reveley — 29 winners from 132 runners gives a sircress ratio of 22.5% and a profit to a \$1 level stake of \$4.71; M Hammond — 16 winners, 111 runners, 12.5%, \$22.56; J H Johnson — 13 winners, 111 runners, 11.7%, \$66.20; F Cheesbrough — 12 winners, 60 runners, 17.5%, \$46.20; F Cheesbrough — 12 winners, 60 runners, 17.5%, \$4520.38; L Wyer — 15 winners, 84 rides, 16%, \$18.30; T Reed — 13 winners, 83 rides, 15.7%, \$44.85; M Dayer — 10 winners, 53 rides, 16%, \$11.30, \$11.13.

BLINICREED FIRST TIME: Royal Surprise (3.00).

WINNERS IN THE LAST SEVEN DAYS: None.
LONG-DISTANCE EUNINERS: Cypress Avenue (2.00) has been sent 176 miles by Mrs V Ward from Alsby, Lincolnshire. SETTING: 5-1 Star's Your Max, 13-2 Transcription, 7-1 Segge Inn At The Yop, 11-1 Chresting, 12-1 Jaunty Seneral, 14-1 of 1995: Go-Informal 4 11 0 M Dayer 11-4 (J M Jefferson) 13 ran

FORM GUIDE

STAN'S YOUR MAN returns to the course where he made a winning debut (made all) from predicts winner Sharavogh, He's held in some regard by Dean Goodletow and, with Sharavogh boosting the form at Haydock on Searday, a follow up is a distinct possibility. Beggars Banquet would seem to be held by the nap because he made hard work of beating Papersing at Hesham — and Papersing was 1.1 lengths behind Sharavogh at Haydock. Of the other works are held to be the burner and propersion was the burner and propersion. perising at Hestham – and Paperiging was 11. lengths behind Shenasogh at Haydock. Of the other wariors, Antarrotic Whold, an insh bumper soorer and winner of a little hurdle race of Kelso, may have more scope than either line At The Top or Treamendisto. Clavering has ability and might well show it despite the return from a By-orit. The stable's Mester Ross was good enough at Kelso yesterday efter a rest, and Clavering looked a decent prospect on his bumper run at Ayr when ascond to Claverhouse. Cypress Avenue, who once ran Further Flight to a length at Doncsster, is now in the yard that won with horio at Warwick on Schurday. His Flat form with Richard Hannon foded, but the interest seems to have been rekinded over jumps. Jaustry General has shown some ability and looks best of the others after last mornth's run at Ayr.

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ı	lowers, but Mary Reveley's BARTON HEIGHTS can outstay them both, Barron Heights should	RETURN: 6-4 Uncle Door, 5-2 Sechicta, 7-2 Act The Way, 7-1 Legislat Prospect, 12-1 Maybe O'Grady
1	be fit enough on his reappearance and he dropped from three miles to win twice over two	1995; no corresponding race
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for the move to her current stable and has a few unite's chance with her latest run at ray sure to bring her on. She made jumping errors when finishing trad to Samatsan, a horse site had bester on wone terms at Ayr in April, but she did flop at Perth in May. Kemo Sabo ran he best race on this reappearance when bearen a head by Fan Terner at Metso. This globing started off in a hot race on this reappearance when bearen at least term and seems to be finding his very at lost. Winning chaser Authorit Say lacked the pace over hurdles at Herbann last week, white Thesalisan would seem to be held by Miss Greenyards on Ayr running.

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If the ground stays on the last side Alebang could loss tress such as 10 furiority, Al- is forecast so the going must be noted. A women of three races over about 10 furiority, Al- is forecast so the going must be noted. A women of three races over about 10 furiority, Al-	mont couldn't have found a softer race for him in terms of the apposition. Tico Gold was
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there being a doubt concerning the nature of the page of the season	tailed off and now blinkered), but Tico Gold has the sounder claims on his earlier staying
the in-form Macky represent seems a representative or a Contracted terminer, he is last	no fourth to Potter's Bay at Wetherby. Final Boot is a modest type and he raised to been.
after sustaining an injury at home. Raced just the once, an a Society him fresh could be the day, the type to appreciate a testing course such as this and getting him fresh could be the day, the type to appreciate a testing course such as the first lands Ramaden and was disappointing in the	Coder lans at Sedgefield last time, Broombill Defor gave the seventh-last a mighty clout here last time in Billishrook's race, and Shawwell made mistakes here last year. Corporal
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#### SOUTHWELL

11.40 Leigh Crofter 12.10 Domino Flyer 12.40 Soda 1.10 Pharty Dancer 1.40 Souperficial 2.10 Desert Zone 2.40 Compact Disc 3.10 Adamton

GOING: Sandard. STALLS: if & Im 6f - outside; remainder maide. DRAW ADVANTAGE: None.

Pibresand surface: left-hand sharp, oval course.

Course is 3m south-cast of town and 3m west of Newark. Rolleston Junction adjoins course ADMISSION: Cath 5 12: Tancevolls 56 (OAP metallers of course is Damond Club 54, accompanied under-16s tree. CAR PARK: Free.

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1.4 COCCOS SEL-JURINE (49 (D) G OCTO) 6 8 7 10 \_\_brea Wheeles (7) 1.1 V \_\_14 declared = Attrium weight 7st 10th. The hardlass weight 4th-Arth 7st 2th. BETTERS: 4-1 Leigh Goother, 6-1 Juliu, 7-1 Group Goldgrift, 8-1 Bott Aris-

tocrat, Squire Carrie, 10-1 libr Prosty, Plans First, 12-1 others
12.10 WIMPEY HOMES HANDICAP (CLASS F) (DIV I) £2,950 added 1m
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2 0-4001 AMGE, FACE (USA) (7) P Exans 3 9 10 (Sev) A Culture 1
3 144006 NORTH ARDAR (29) (CD) T VISI 6 9 5 P McCabe (3) 1
4 035060 LACHESIS (15) B Retironal 3 9 4
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14 043531 SCENERIS (33) (II) R Holinshead 3 8 10F Lynch (3) 5
15 504602 THE OF SELVER (4) A Soley 489
16 500022 PARONOMASIA (14) J. Herrs 4 8 6
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12.40 ALLIUS CAESAR NURSERY HANDICAP (CLASS E) £4,200 added 2YO 5f
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1 603:10 DOMENANT AIR (7) (D) Ser Mark Prescott 9 7 G Doffinia 2
2 222115 DAVIS ROCK (18) W Mar 9 5
3 2450 MISTON NIT XPRES (11) S.R. Bowng 9.5 S.D. Williams 11.8
4 041140 Enchangel EVE (12) (C D) C Alen 95. Martin Dayer (6) 9
5 03516 CALCHOU (157) (CD) C Ferrurs 9 1
6 453005 THREEPLAY (7) J Alebury 8 17M Tebburt 13
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10 33064 SOOM (23) TO Barron B 5
12 046040 SUITE FACTORS (21) [D] K Burke & 3
13 540050 BARRESBO (11) C Fartura 80
15 600 TRUE PERSPECTIVE (68) ] Bethel 7 10
- 15 GEORGE -

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1.10 KING HENRY VI AMATEURS CLAIMING STAKES (CLASS G) £3,000 added 1m 6f 

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	80	nt. Cade D	ed, 10-1 Amother Quarter, 14-1 others
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1.40 HAMLET HANDICAP (CLASS E) (DIV II) £3,700 added 6f **SECTION (31) (0)** Physics 4 (0) 056600 05580008 (11) (20) (30×100 05665 LANSBORM (8) MSS (70± 31- 25600 821MOR BLE (87) REING 153 (50× 35- 250000 MARKH MUT (25) NS (10× 35- 25) (200000 AMARH MUT (25) NS (10× 35- 25) (200000 AMARH MUT (25) NS (10× 35- 25) ... A Winsten (7) Martin Dayer (5) SETTING: 6-1 Souperficial, 7-1 Disco September 5-13 Filterion d
SETTING: 6-1 Souperficial, 7-1 Disco September 5-1 Provide Bases,
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2.10 WIMPEY HOMES HANDICAP (CLASS F) (DIV II) £2,950 added 1m 264505 NAUTICAL LEWEL (22) 11 (2007-10) 13 230406 POLAR REFRAIN (15) C Owner 15 12 30406 POLAR REFINAL (15) C Ower 15 11 ... Jo Harman (7-1 000310 GDDV (22) (CD) 14: Tentr 1 5 11 ... Dom McReson 14 000000- BUB AL MANU (785) 4 5 miles 6 9 1 03004 1801 847 (21) 7 8277 3 9 9 ... Victors Applety (7) 12 002453 YA MARHABA (15) 2576 3 3 5 ... A McGrae 9 

2.40 ANTONY & CLEOPATRA SELLING STAKES (CLASS G) £3,000 added 2YO fillies 1m - 11 decined -BETTRIG: 4-1 Compact Disc. 9-2 Signit Valley, 5-1 Star Entry, Head Girl.

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#### **Dolphins** in the doldrums again

American football

MATT TENCH As the Miami Dolphins cruised

to victories in their first three games it was possible to believe that Jimmy Johnson was the magician the Florida faithful believed him to be during a summer long on hype but short on reality. Just. Then again Miami usually do well in September. By the time Thanksgiving comes around reality has usually set in, and so it has proved in Johnson's first year, as in so many of his predecessor. Don Shula.

The Dolphins were beaten 17-7 in Oakland on Sunday, a defeat that lowers their record to 6-7 and places their play-off prospects in severe jeopardy. They will probably need to win their remaining three games to carn the right to play in January. though as these include encounters with each of the New York teams that remains well within the bounds of possibility. The crucial fixture will almost certainly come when they play host to Buffalo on Monday week.

Johnson has been brave to the point of foolhardy in discarding proven talent and relying on youngsters, but it was his most proven talent of all - quarterback Dan Marino - who was most a fault for the latest defeat. He threw three interceptions and fumbled the ball away. The Raiders took a grip on the game in the second quarter with touchdowns from Tim Brown and Derrick Fenner. Marino did at least avoid a shut-out, connecting with Randal Hill with two and a half minutes remaining to lend the scoreline a degree of respectability.
The New England Patriots

were Miami's first victims, but after an unconvincing start their season has taken a more encouraging shape, and they lead the AFC East following a crushing win in San Diego. Drew Bledsoe threw for four touchdowns as the Patriots capitalised on five turnovers and romped home 45-7.
The Patriots share:

their division with Buffalo, who lost in overtime in Indianapolis, but both already know that their participation in the Super Bowl will almost certainly require victory in Denver's Mile High Stadium, The Broncos ensured home-

field advantage throughout the play-offs by beating Seattle 34-17. It was their 12th win of the season, their ninth in a row, and gave them their first AFC West title since 1991. With the best home record of any NFL team over the last decade, the Broncos are already heavy favourites to represent the AFC in the Super Bowl, and it is a measure of their current strength that they were able to thrash the Seahawks despite the hamstring pull which of the game on one leg.

The Pittsburgh Steelers, widely regarded as the only AFC team capable of victory in Colorado, did their reputation no good at all by losing 31-17 to the Baltimore Ravens, Bam Morris, the running back the Steelers teleased in July after he pleaded guilty to a charge of marijuana possession, rushed for 100 yards as the Ravens won for the first

time in five games.
The New York Jets, by contrast, were able to enhance their reputation - as the league's most hope less team. Neil O'Donnell, the quarterfeek expensively sented in the summer, was supposed to months as the lets entertained Houston, However O'Donnell strained a calf muscle in the warmup, sations the match, araftle lets los their 10th home game manow Results, standings, page 25

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The minutes (9h) 12min) it took for France to defeat Sweden on the last day of the Davis Cup final. The first match between Thomas Enqvist and Cedric Proline lasted 4hr 25min, the second between Arnaud Boetsch and Nicklas Kult: 4hr 47min.



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RACING RESULTS 8, 1%. (Mrs M Reveley, Sathburn). Yoter, £2.50; £1.10, £1.70. DF: £4.00. CSF: £9.27. £2.70. DF: £5.70. CSF: £7.40, Non-Runner: £1.10, £1.70. DF: £4.00. CSF: £9.27.
2.30: 1. PHARMSTICE DF CHIE Wilson)
25-1; 2. Dach Bon. 11-2; 3. Black les 5-1.
14 ran. 5-2 tav Kasrame (milad up). 1¼,
6. (Mrs. A. Sanbark, Richmond). Total
£30.90; £6.10, £2.90, £1.40. DF: £138.60.
CSF: £156.53. Tric £241.80.
Placepot: £192.20. Quadpot: £13.50.
Place &: £49.00. Place S: £7.67.

2.00 NEWCASTLE FLOORING AND HALSTEAD'S NOVICE HURDLE (CLASS E) £3,000 added 2m 4f Penalty Value £2,589

WINCANTON WINCANTON

1.20: 1. GALATASORI JANE (I. Currenes)

14-1: 2. Saperado 3-1: 3. Amether Cockept 4-1. 14 ran. 7-4 for Vinnington. 5, 4. IP

Micholsis. Totac E23.10: 63.30, 51.80,

£1.60. OF: £247.40. CSF: £56.00. Inc:
£22.40. NR: Dingle Wood, Lauren's Tressure

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1.50: 1. BADASTAN (G. Torney) 2-1 for.

2. Price's Hill 4-1. 4 ran. 2. (P. Houdes, Totac
£2.40. DF: £4.30. CSF: £8.41. Only 2 finished.

2.20: 1. LADY MARNAM (P Hide 16-1; 2. Abreys Reppy 8-11 feet; 3. Stonecutier 8-1. 9 see. 4, 7. U Neville), Tebr. £15.50; 63.10, £1.50, £1.90, DF: £14.80, CSP: £28.96, Thu: £36.30, NR: Conflosser. £28.96, Thu: £36.30, NR: Conflosser. 2.50: 1. TOO PULSH (I. Havey) 5-2; 2. Five To Seven 2-1 fee; 3. The Mine Capished. 2.20: 1 LADY MAGNUM (P Hide) 16-1;

Massiro Peul. 3.20: 1. SECOND CALL (A P MsCoy) 1-2 2sr, 2. Joshina 9-2, 3. Koo's Promise 12-1. 6 ca. 5, 2. (I Formal), Your £1.50; £1.40. £2.00, DF: £3.20. CSP: £3.75. 3.50: 1. GENERAL MEDICIAR (A P MC-Co) 7-4 tav, 2. Monstons, 6-1; 3. Silver Stan-dard 2-1. 6 ran. 14-, Y-, 8i Pipel, Totas £2.50; £1.70, £1.90. DF: £4.50, CSF: £11.76.

WORCESTER 12.40: 1 MELSTOCK MEDICE (W Messor) 3-1; 2. Moor Hell Ledy 6-1; 3. Sippery Fin 25-1; 13 mm. 9-4 for Glosene (Sth.), 3, 3, (4sr J. Parmen; Upper Lambourn), Teles 14-20; EL-50, £1-20, 62-20, DF, £13-20, CSF, £20-20, Tinc £72-20, NR: Steamburd

52.00, £1.20, DP: £21.90, CSP: £32.50, Treast: £1.44.03, Troc £87.20,
2.10: £1. MASTER GODY (M. A. Fizzerald)
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withdrawn not under orders; Rule 4 applies
to board prices only, deduct £50 on £
2.40: £1. POREET NORTY (A. Magure)
evens fav; 2. Dandes Caveller 3-1; 3. Aut.
Eiren 16-1, 22 rea. 29; 10. (D. Micholson, cepot: £127.30, Quadpot: £16.10. co 6: £61.37, Place 5: £22.21 Light Prince 272.20. NR: Steamburd.
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1.40:1. BMC STRAMD (D Major) 5-1; 2.
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# France enhance cup's stature

Simon O'Hagan. in Malmö, on the the toil and the joy of a tennis epic

Just before play began on the last day of the Davis Cup final in Malmo on Sunday, Brian Tobin, the benign Australian who is president of the International Tennis Federation, issued a statement headed "The Davis

Cup - A Justification".

The 65-year-old Tobin was feeling aggrieved. "Malcontents". as he described them, were trying to undermine the annual, ITF-run men's team championship by suggesting that it was cluttering up the schedule of ATP tour events and Grand Slams. Among those Tobin had in mind were Andre Agassi and Pete Sampras, who have rather patronisingly tend-ed to pick and choose when to play Davis Cup: a few days previously Sampras had upset the ITF by suggesting that it might be an idea to make it a biennial or even quadrennial affair. Tobin duly mounted a stout

defence of the competition. With 127 countries taking part in 1997, it was helping to take tennis to all corners of the globe; it was important for the development of young players, from which the ATP Tour benefited; and the tradition of an event that can trace its origins back to 1900 ought to be re-

What Tobin omitted to refer to was the unique quality of Davis Cup tennis - the sort of tension, and scope for heroism, that as any Ryder Cup golfer will tell you only comes when individuals are doing it for the team. And never was that truer than in the incredible drama that unfolded later when France and Sweden produced unarguably the greatest final in the competition's long and illustrious history.

There could have been no more ringing justification for the Davis Cup than a match which ended with Arnaud Boetsch, having saved three match points, beating Nicklas Kulti 10-8 in the fifth set of the deciding singles to bring France a victory like no other. Never before in 84 finals had the outcome rested on the final set of the final match, and for Agassi and Sampras to regard as unworthy of their full support a ful and gripping as this can only diminish them.



France's hero: Arnaud Boetsch is borne aloft by his team-mates after the most extraordinary Davis Cup final of all time

Yannick Noah, the winning from the way he led the team captain, got it absolutely right afterwards when an elated French team came in to meet the press with the clock ticking into the early hours of Monday morning. "What I love about very special because we love the Davis Cup is it's not about competing as a group," he said. Noah must now be ripe for a contracts, it's not about schedules, it's not about business." sainthood. he said. "It's about the team. It's a different thing. It takes a certain character to win matches in Grand Slams, but in the Davis Cup you have to give

ning. It doesn't take anything away from us." The feeling Noah has for the

up a lot for others. You have

to sacrifice a lot of things. If

people choose not to play, it's

too bad. We'll just keep win-

to an emotional victory over the United States in Lyon in 1991, and what he achieved here was, if anything, of even greater magnitude. "The joy we feel is

It was "like a dream" for the 27-year-old Boetsch, who had come on court after Thomas Enqvist's wonderful recovery from two sets down to beat Cedric Pioline had returned the psychological advantage to the Swedes. "Five years ago I was in the team but I didn't play," Boetsch said. "I was supporting my friends and trying to do my best for them, and this time I Davis Cup and the need for collective purpose was obvious our for me, and to win this

match in this way was unbe-

One's heart bled for Kulti, the

25-year-old doubles player who had been drafted in after Stefan Edberg failed to recover from his twisted ankle. He was much less experienced in singles than his opponent, but he played the match of his life, and when, in the final set, Boetsch stood at 6-7 and 0-40 he was on the brink of writing his name into Swedish legend. He will be remembered anyway, not least because he was brave enough to try for outright winners on all three match points, and it was perhaps fitting that in the match that marked an ultimately frustrating farewell to the game for Edberg, the Swedes found in both Engvist and Kulti new

#### Henman must meet Stich

Tim Henman, the first British player to gain a place in the Grand Slam Cup since the tournament began in 1990, will have the odds stacked against him when he plays the opening match at the Olympiahalle Stadium in Munich today.

Michael Stich, the 1991 Wimbledon champion from Germany whom Henman has been drawn against in the first round, has been in Munich for the past seven days preparing for the event.

years ago and am very keen to months, having reached six win it again," Stich said. "To win ATP Tour semi-finals since Janan event in Germany in front of my own people is obviously very important. It gives me that little extra incentive."

Henman did not even learn he was in the tournament, following the withdrawal of the American trio of Pete Sampras, Michael Chang and Todd Martin, until the weekend and has not hit a ball since he won the British National championships at Telford more than

even more difficult is that Stich is not at all nervous when playing before his home crowd. He has won 18 titles on the ATP Tour and seven of them have been in Germany.

Henman has never played Stich before and at 6ft 4in, the big-serving German is particularly menacing on indoor courts and not only won the Grand Slam Cup in 1992 but was also runner-up in 1993.

Henman, however, has been "I won this tournament four outstanding during the past 12 uary and, in reaching the last eight at Wimbledon, defeated Yevgeny Kafelnikov in the first

Whatever his fate today, the 22-year-old Henman is guar-anteed \$100,000 (£60,864) in

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# Rugby viewers let down by BBC coverage

The BBC did not broadcast the opening and often fascinating matches of the Heineken European Cup. It could have but chose not to. Independent television had originally acquired the rights to these matches but then had second thoughts. The BBC could have intervened at this stage and picked up the contract but decided against.

There were protests in which I joined in this column and which, for once, seemed to have some effect. The corporation appears to have re-alised that it made a mistake. it promises to cover the semifinals, Brive v Cardiff and Leicester v Toulouse, and to broadcast the final in the new Last weekend saw a further

example of the BBC's treat-ment of rugby followers as poor relations. True, there was full coverage of England v New Zealand Barbarians at Twickenham on BBC1. But on the next day Wales played Australia at Cardiff. The match was seen on television in Wales but not in England or Scotland. There were numerous peo-

ple in both these countries who would have liked to see it: the more so as David Campese was making his last appearance for Australia and Jonathan Davies his first for Wales since his return from rugby league. Indeed, the spectacle of Davies in a Welsh union jersey once again was something most of us had never expected to see. Hence the match was not only interesting in itself: it was also a romantic occasion.

All the BBC did was devote roughly a third of Rughy Spe-cial to it, the other part of the programme being taken up with France v South Africa and England v New Zealand Barbarians. Yet the majority of English viewers would, I am sure, fall into one of three categories: they would have been at Twickenham; viewed the match live on television; or taped it and watched it later, on Saturday evening, Sunday morning or Sunday afternoon. Besides, those who had been at the ground or watched it live on television might well have recorded it also for future ref-

This argument against Rugby Special's indolent habit of running highlights of matches which most fans have already either seen or recorded is one of general application. It has, however, an additional force when a game of equal interest to Saturday's is taking place on

rence or entertainment.

a Sunday. I do not see why BBC1 or BBC2 should not have rearranged its programming to broadcast Wales v Australia in England and Scotland. In default of that, there could have been an extended Rugby Spe-



cial. Even at its normal hour's length, the programme could have given us nearly 70 per cent of an event which did, after all, happen on the day the pro-

Nor is it only the BBC that may be short-changing its rughy-watching customers. I wonder about the Rugby Football Union as well. Last week I was taken as a guest to that body's 125th anniversary dinner, held at Twickenham. The after-dinner speakers were Jeff Probyn and David Mellor, MP. Both made accomplished and funny speeches. Probyn's was slightly funnier.

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But why was Mellor there at all? He is, as we know, a telsea supporter. These are troubled and interesting times for rugby supporters. Could not the RFU have rustled up someone - say, one of its own members, in addition to Probyn who could have told us what was going on? It may be that the RFU does not know what is going on. Even so, the last person in England that most of those present wanted to hear was, I suspect, David Mellor.

Perhaps the most interesting part of the evening was the competition (entry fee £10) to choose a Lions XV from the period 1971-89. There was a prize for whoever came nearest to Probyn's selection. This

J Williams: G Davies. Guscott, M Gibson, D Duckham; B John, G Edwards; F Cotton, P Wheeler, G Price, F Ackford, W J McBride, R Uttley, D Richards, P Winter

My host, Donald Trelford formerly editor of the Observe er, and now sports columnist of the Daily Telegraph, got 12. 13 and divided the prize. Trelford put in John Dawes, Wade Dooley and Mervyn Davies instead of Jeremy Guscott, Paul Ackford and Dean Richards. I got 12 as well. I put in Dawes, Derek Quinnell and Davies instead of Guscott, Uttley and Richards.

In short, we agreed that Dawes and Davies should be included rather than Probyn's choices of Guscott and Richards. Interestingly enough, these two players are still performing weekly, if they are given the chance. And both are considered not to be good enough to be in the cur-rent England team.

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#### **Hendry made** to battle for championship

Snooker

Stephen Hendry achieved his first goal of the season by retaining his United Kingdom Championship at Preston's Guild Hall, winning on the final frame. Hendry, who had led John Higgins 8-4, came back from 9-8 down for a thrilling

10-9 victory in Sunday's final.
The win over his unlucky
World Cup-winning team-mate put the Scot on course to emulate his clean sweep of the top three honours during 1995-96. Had he won, the 21-year-old Higgins would have become the provisional world No 1, denying Hendry top spot for only the second time in six years.

"All this talk of who is No I is twaddle." Hendry said. "You can only call yourself No 1 after the World Championship at the end of the season. And that's where I aim to be. But John and I are the two best players in the game. We are stretching away from the rest."

Anything other than an easy win had looked unlikely when Hendry was poised to lead 9-4 after compiling his third century of the match in the 12th frame. But from 59-20 ahead, he conceded four points after swerving to escape from a snooker, giving Higgins the chance to clear and then win the re-spotted black that followed. Higgins gained confidence,

taking the next four frames, and at 9-8 threatened Hendry's 17match unbeaten record. Undeterred, Hendry made breaks of 82 and 77 to claim the final two frames in just 18 minutes. UK CHAMPIONSHIP Final (Preston): 8 Natify Scut of 1 Niggre, Sect 10-9, Frame scores Photoly Scut 23-72, 78-32, 105-14, 116-65, 80-29, 108-8 (102 bread, 115-14 (115 bread, 36-70, 4-93, 73-4, 61-33, 108-0 (108 bread, 59-66, 39-68, 32-96, 29-82, 12-62, 82-0, 77-0,

#### Tyson tops money list

Forget those big-money con-tracts in baseball, basketball, American football and ice hockey. The boxer, Mike Tyson, fought just three times in 1996 and, according to Forbes mag-azine, carned \$75m (£45m), more money in one year than any athlete in history.

Tyson replaced the NBA player, Michael Jordan, at the top in the Forbes Super 40 list of highest-paid athletes, announced on Sunday. However, Jordan, the No 1 for four consecutive years, could be poised for a comeback in 1997. His \$30m contract - the largest one-year salary in sports history-will generate more next year.

Then there is box office, merchandise and video income from his film Space Jam, which could push his earnings past \$100m for next year. Forbes estimates Jordan's 1996 income at \$52.6m, \$12.6m in salary and \$40m from other sources such as endorsements.

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Top 16 earners in sport

a key role for many of the athletes on the list, especially in golf. Arnold Palmer is No 8 with \$15.1m, just \$100,000 of it in winnings and \$15m from other sources. Tiger Woods, a pro-

earned \$800,00 playing golf and \$8m in other moome. Damon Hill, the Formula One World champion driver, does not come anywhere near the top, even though he is Britain's leading entry on the list at 34 with

fessional for just four months.

Endorsement income played an estimated income of £5.5m.

#### Wycombe's reward

Hockey

BILL COLWILL

High Wycombe's Hockey Association Cup defeat of the mighty Doncaster on their own ground has been rewarded with a fifth-round home tie against

Teddington.
Teddington will not relish the thought of a visit to Cressex, remembering their last up there in the Cup two years ago when they required a penaltystroke barrage to silence the Nastro Azzurro South side.

The Cup holders, Reading, who have been struggling in recent games, will also have reservations about their visit to the First Division leaders, Beeston

points in the National Leagu Cannock and Southgate. c rently equal on points at the t of the Premier Division, show

progress to the quarter-finals Cannock are at home to the near neighbours, Stourport, a Southgate travel across Lond to Surbiton for one of the roun two all-Premier matches. The so ond is Hounslow, going in the c posite direction to Chingford

play Old Loughtonians. The draw has not fallen kin ly for the non-National Leag

#### No problems for Tyrrell on Verstappen

**Motor racing** 

Tyrrell made it clear yesterday that there were no problems with their new signing, the Dutchman Jos Verstappen, despite his absence from the offi-Formula One World Champion-

ship.
"We think the problem was just down to timing," a team spokesman Rupert Manwaring. said. "We signed Jos late on Thursday night and he will definitely be our driver next year. His absence may just be because 1. the list was put together before we announced him."

There were no surprises in the 24-strong list, released in Paris by the FIA, the international governing body of motor sport, which confirmed vacant seats at the Jordan, Ligier, Minardi and Lola teams.

Those four teams have until 9 March, the day before prac-tice begins for the Australian

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# Sacchi quits Italian job for the call of Milan

RUPERT METCALF

Arrigo Sacchi has gone home. Bruised and battered by months of media persecution, the 50-year-old made a dignified exit from guiding the fortunes of the Italian national team and returned yesterday to Milan - the club where he made his name.

The man who set the managerial merry-go-round in motion was, predictably, Silvio Berlusconi, the billionaire media mogul who owns Milan. A late-night meeting at his villa on Sunday led to the resignation of Milan's unpopular coach, the Uruguayan Oscar Washington Tabarez, and a call by Berlusconi to Sacchi. That afternoon, Milan had suffered a 3-2 defeat at humble Piacenza in Serie A match, and action was called for. I can't say no to Beriusconi. Milan calls me, I can only resign.

1946 Born in Fusignano on 1 April 1972 Leaves job as a shoe salesman for his father's factory to take on his first coaching job - at Fusigna 1980 Joins Cesena as youth team coach 1985 Joins Parma shar spells coach

team.
1967 John Milan after impressing owner Silvio Berluscool when Serie 5 Pat-ma knock Milan out of italian Coo.

Try to understand," Sacchi said yesterday. He had been coach of Italy since 1991, after five trophy-laden years at Milan, and he had a contract until 1988 but few people expected him to see out 1996, let alone another

Sacchi took Italy to the 1994 World Cup final in Los Angeles, where they lost on penalties to Brazil, but he has been under intense pressure since his

1980 Wins European Cup, European Supercup and Interportinental Cup. 1980 Wins Intercontinental Cup and Then appointed fallish national coach.
Made his debut with a 1-1 draw against Norway on 13 November in Genga.

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side made a humiliating firstround exit from the European Championship in England last summer. His last match in charge also ended in embarrassment: a 2-1 defeat in a friendly against Bosnia in Sarajevo last month. His final record was 34 wins, 10 draws and nine

defeats in 53 matches. Sacchi's critics, and there were many, said that he never had a settled side - he used al-

most 100 players in those 53 matches - and that he fell out with his key players too easily. Men like Gianluca Vialli and Roberto Baggio found themselves out of favour when they

After the summons from Berlusconi, Sacchi contacted the Italian football federation late on Sunday to announce his resignation. "Let's just say it was in the air," Antonio Matarrese, the

still had much to offer.

WHO NEXT FOR ITALY?

Cesare Maidini (Age 64), tray Under 21 coach, Former national captain who pisyed for Milain, Nic his son Paolo who now captains Italy. Has an excellent record as Under-21 coach, wanaling the European, unter three times but failing at 1996. Attanta Clympios. Widely seen as a stop-gap rather than permanent replacement but iscressingly the tavounte, particularly if a longer term candidate proves unavailable until end of season.

Dino Zott (54), Former national spail. Unio Zott (54). Former national goal-leager who captained haly to 1982. World Cup win. Most capped player in-Italian history (112). President of

former chairman of the federation, said. "It's what so many Italians wanted."

Italy's next match is not until February, when they return to England for a World Cup qualifier, so there is no rush to appoint Sacchi's successor. The two leading candidates are the Under-21 coach Cesare Maldini, the father of the full-back Paolo Maldini, and Dino Zoff, the former goalkeeper and cap-

ances in that B team, but has far stronger record as a club coach. Took Parma to Uela Cup win in 1995 and Cup Winners' Cup in 1993. Left the club at end of last season without job to go to a so would be available immediately.

tain of the 1982 World Cup-winning side who is now the president of Lazio. Two men initially included among the likely successors ruled themselves out of the running last night: the Real Madrid coach Fabio Capello. who replaced Sacchi at Milan in 1991, and Giovanni Trappatoni. the Bayern Munich coach who won six Serie A titles when with Juventus.

But what of Milan? Since the

unfortunate Tabarez replaced Capello in the summer they have looked like mere also-rans rather than front-runners in the Italian League - an intolerable situation for the San situation for the San Siro faithful. They languish in ninth place in Serie A after Sunday's defeat, and will be eliminated from the European Champions' League if they lose at home to Norway's Rosenborg Trondheim tomorrow, Sacchi will be in charge for that match, when instant success will be de-

manded. "I think that we have made the right choice by turning to Arrigo Sacchi," Bertusconi said. His new coach has a contract that runs until the end of the

1997-98 season. I come here with pleasure and enthusiasm," Sacchi said last night. "I have come home to the people who always re-spected me."

#### **England** A poised for sixth **SUCCESS**

Cricket

MYLES HODGSON reports from Canberra ACT 216 & 140-4 England A 408

England A moved towards their sixth successive tour victory after being given the benefit of a controversial umpiring decision which enabled them to take control against Australian Capital Territory in Canberra.

The tourists, resuming on 295 for 5, were dismissed for 408 to earn a 192-run first innings lead and by the close they had reduced ACT to 140 for 4.

But it was the dismissal of the ACT skipper, Mike Veletta, which dominated the day's play and put England in a position to claim a convincing victory in

today's final day.

Veletta, who had hatted nearly two hours for 68 and looked the main threat to the tourists' hopes, edged Hollioake behind to slip Craig White, who appeared to scoop the hall up for the wicketkeeper Warren Hegg

to take a diving catch.

However, Veletta clearly disouted the decision and stood his ground, resulting in the match referee ordering the ACT captain to report for a disciplinary hearing today to answer dissent charges.

Veletta had earlier compiled a 106-run partnership with Paul Evans before the spinner Peter Such, who claimed five wickets in the first innings, began to make a substantial contribution.

Fall: 1-61, 2-85, 3-149, 4-245, 5-283, 6-295, 7-303, 8-332, 9-373,

Falt: 1-106, 2-111, 3-138, 4-140, To bet: D J McDoneld, H O'Mragher, B J Smith, tM B Robinson, D J Thomton, E A Mackettie Bowling: Chapple 5-0-17-0; Horis 7-1-18-0; Suzz 21-10-39-2: White 5-2-18-0; Gles 9-1-30-0; Hol-looke 4,5-0-9-2.

Umplees B Thornton and J Harodord Channel 4 seal four-year

**television deal** 

**Athletics** 

A new four-year television contract for British athletics with

The station will cover major meetings in a three-way deal. involving the British Athletic Federation and the British Athletes' Association. The two bodies are setting up a joint company to run the meetings. Coverage will start with a Furopean indoor circuit event in

February.
Channel 4 take over from ITV, who ended a 12-year association with the sport this year, after rows over the nonappearance of top athletes. Fi nancial details have not been disclosed, but the contract will be worth less than the annual £1.5m paid by ITV.

# Cobner calls for common approach

Rugby Union CHRIS HEWETT

The latest confirmation of the gulf between the baves and have-nots of world rugby - Eng-land, Wales and France soundly beaten by out-of-season contingents from New Zealand, Australia and South Africa in the space of 24 hours - drew a call for northern hemisphere unity yesterday from one of the few voices of common sense still to be found in a British game more obsessed with raising

money than raising standards. Terry Cobner, the full-time director of rugby in Wales, was never one for cross-border harmony during his playing career io ronty the Severn Bridge.

But repeated reverses against the superpowers from south of the equator have persuaded him that the common approach is the only realistic solution. "The gap in skill and fitness levels is narrowing, but nowhere near as quickly as we would like," the former Lions flanker said. "It is now time for the major European nations to bury their parochialism, address the problem together and come up with a programme that is best for the northern hemisphere as a whole."

over all three southern nations since the turn of the decade, the overall European performance is the stuff of embarrassment. Wales have not recorded a win since beating Australia in the 1987 World Cup, Scotland's losing streak goes back to 1983 and Ireland's to 1979. Of the 83 full internationals played by British sides against the big trio over the last 20 years, 69

have been lost, many heavily. Cobner wants to see a structured fixture programme agreed by the four home unions and France - progress may be made on that front before Christmas and is keen to expand the Heineken European Cup into a home and away format next year.

"We can play some domestic rugby at the start of the season as a fiercely patriotic, bruising-ly hard loose forward; indeed, and then return to it at the end." his interests barely extended be- he said, suggesting that the clude up to 13 European matches for each participating club plus six full internationals, two of them against touring sides.

His prognosis for European rugby was not entirely apoca-lyptic. "We may not be strong individually at the moment, but I think the Lions selectors will be able to come up with a collective outfit capable of beating the Springboks in South Africa next summer. We have first-class people in charge of the Lions, men who have been there and done it and have strong ideas about While both England and the how we should approach the French have enjoyed victories tour. I'm encouraged by that."



How not to tackle: New Zealand's Jonah Lomu passes on the benefit of his experience to the next generation of rugby union players at a Reebok-sponsored skills session for children at Cardiff Arms Park yesterday

Photograph: Peter Jav

#### Lomu puts his faith in a blossoming future for England

their 34-19 victory over England at Twickenham on Saturday, believes that Jack Rowell's team will be leading contenders for victory in the 1999 World Cup.

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"This current England team is going to be a great side, no question about it," Lomu said yesterday. "They had a real go at us, didn't freeze up and will take a lot from the match. They are still young and are still learning.

Lomu, who was attending a

Jonah Lomu, who helped the New Zealand Barbarians to Reebok-sponsored skills ses-sion for youngsters at Cardiff Arms Park, acclaimed England's new outside-half. Mike Catt, who had struggled to con-tain the New Zealander during last year's 45-29 World Cup semi-final victory in Cape Town.

"I was very impressed with him," Lomu said. "He ran things well and read situations around him. I think his tactical kicking will improve because he's the type of player who wants to learn."

Lomu also paid tribute to

David Campese, who retired from international rugby after winning his 101st cap for Australia against Wales in Cardiff on Sunday.

"David Campese has always shown tremendous skills on the field, and I learnt so much from him just by watching the way he did things," Lomu said. Lomu said he was now look-

ing forward to a long run in the New Zealand Test side after being dropped during last sum-mer's Tri-Nations series against South Africa and Australia.

American football

not the case in New Zealand when you've got people like Glen Osborne and Eric Rush

around. "I didn't feel especially hard done by being left out. That is part of the professional game but I never look back in the past. I'm always one to plan ahead for day's victory over Clifton Wan-

the future Lomu said he was delighted

Manchester Stants 81 (41) (Brown 18, Bal-et Roburson 16), Sheffield Sharks 80 (48) (Hug-gns 21, Harries 18, Finch 12),

vitation XV tomorrow night.

Bristol give a senior debut to the scrum-half Richard Smith in tonight's Anglo-Welsh Cup game at home to Neath. Smith. 23, joined Bristol from Newbridge last week and scored a try for Bristol United in Satur-

The hooker Mark Regan and with the reception he had re- the lock Simon Shaw return

"It would obviously be annoying if your place was taken by a player who you feel is not as good as yourself. But that's club Ehbw Vale against an Incaptain, Martin Corry, an England replacement against Italy, moves to No 8 to allow the coach. Alan Davies, the opportunity to cast his eyes over the

France A back row Said Filali. Scotland are trying to attract families and children to their international against Italy at Murrayfield on Saturday week. The Scottish Rugby Union's head of marketing,

will be using the press, radio and television to promote the match. We want to attract families to the game and have structured the ticket pricing accordingly. Adults accompanying young-

ers, we want to target the Ital-

ian community in Scotland. We

sters will pay £15 for themselves and £5 for each of their charges. A full house is not expected but already 20000 tickets have been sold and the SRU is hoping for a crowd in excess of 30,000.

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Darlington are confident they can clear an £86,000 tax debt after being issued with a winding-up order by the Inland Revenue. The Third Davision club are ex-pected to announce a £118,000 trad-ing profit at next week's annual meeting, and two syndicates are interested in buy-ing the Qualities by meeting the club's £500,000 asking price. Kuderminster Harners, the GM Vauzhalt Conference leaders, will face the hold-ers Macclestield Town in the first round of the FA Umbro Trophy on 18 January. of the FA Limbro Trophy on 18 January.

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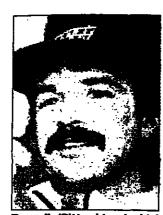
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# Stewart keeps Russell out in the cold



Cricket

TONY COZIER reports from Sydney

Australia 331 & 312-4 dec

West Indies cricket has had to

endure a host of embarrassing

experiences over the past couple of years. The fourth day of

the second Test yesterday was

the latest addition to the long

It did not have quite the same

traumatic impact as the loss to Kenya or the semi-final collapse

to Australia in the World Cup

nine months ago. Nor was it as

critical as the heavy defeats in

Barbados and Kingston that al-

lowed Australia to capture the

Frank Worrell Trophy that the

West Indies are seeking to regain.

cannot recall as shoddy a per-

formance. An edged catch from Mark Waugh eluded the un-

certain gloves of the wicket-

keeper Courtney Browne, who

had dropped him the previous

afternoon. Another escaped

the clutches of Carl Hooper,

usually the safest of catchers.

Ground balls repeatedly went

through the legs of careworn

fielders, often to the boundary,

and the throwing was weak and

inaccurate. Alert Australian

batsmen gathered sharp singles

almost at will. Yet, ironically, the

But, in more than 30 years watching them in Test cricket, I

and demeaning list.

West Indies 304 & 27-0

MARK BALDWIN reports from Harare

Twelve months ago almost to the day, Jack Russell was a national hero. Along with Ronnie Irani, he was yesterday dropped by England for today's opening four-day fixture of the tour against Mashonaland in Harare. Russell, understandably up-set, said: "It's a bitter blow in-

said this doesn't hurt. On 4 December last year, Russell batted for more than four hours alongside Mike

side. I would be telling lies if I

ternoon to save the Johannesburg Test - having earlier in the game taken a world wicket-teeping record of 11 catches.

However, Alec Stewart has en confirmed as England's first-choice wicketkeeper again leaving Russell out in the cold. David Lloyd, the England coach, said Russell's omission was inevitable once the management had decided that five front-line bowlers were needed to provide a "cutting edge" to ngland's attack.

Three Tests against New Zealand follow in the new year after the two Tests and three one-day internationals against Zimbabwe either side of Christmas. Russell, however, said he confident he could cope with being left on the sidelines even if it became the longterm policy.
"Yes I could handle it be-

cause I have been in this position before," he said. "It will be painful not to play and it is a strange old game when you think back to a year ago.

But there are no guarantees in life, I am not the only one not playing tomorrow, and I will be supporting the side as well as I can. It won't be a surprise now

there is not very much cricket to be played before then and the guys playing in these four-day games are the ones most likely be picked in the first Test.

"I have to try to remain op-timistic. Anything can happen and I will certainly be making sure I am ready for every game.

"It's the balance of the side thing again. The all-rounder position is the key and fair play to Alec because he's a good allround cricketer. The manage-ment have had to decide what they think their best side is and

what their best policy is - that's

selection was a guide to the thinking for the first Test against Zimbabwe, which starts on 18 December. "We only have two four-day games before the in-ternational matches and we have to get our balance right. We need the cutting edge of five bowlers and Jack has been the casualty of that.

Nick Knight will now open with the captain and Nasser Hussain, Graham Thorpe and John Crawley all drop down one place, which they are happy to do. We wanted to keep the batting order as stable as possible." Fast bowlers Andy Caddick

and Darren Gough both play. despite suffering from the after effects of illness and a badly blis-

tered left foot respectively.

Zimbabwe's Test captain, Alistair Campbell, will lead a Mashonaland side which includes the leg spinner Paul Strang and leading batsman Dave Houghton. Also playing is fast bowler Eddo Brande whose three early wickets with the new ball helped embarrass England in their game against a President's XI on Sunday.

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Footb**áli** 

Brian Laudrup has been added to Walter Smith's growing injury list as Rangers prepare for a Champions' League final fling

in Auxerre tomorrow.

jury during Sunday's 3-tl victo-ry over Aberdeen at Pittodrie hich took Rangers five points clear at the top.

The Danish international will oin fellow foceigners Jörg Albertz and Josephim Bjorklund on

Laudrup suffered an ankle in

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the sidelines for the trip to Paul Gascoigne, the Eng-land midfield player, is sus-pended again in the third nstalment of his four-match Uefa ban for being sent off against Ajax in October.

Archie Knox, the Rangers assistant manager, said: "It is obviously a major blow to us for Wednesday given the rich vein of form which Brian has been

Landrup scored the second goal at Pittodrie with his ninth of the season and Rangers will be desperate to have him fit to take on Hibernian at Ibrox on Saturday and Dundee United at Tannadice next Tuesday.

As well as Laudrup, Albertz Bjorklund and Gascoigne, Rangers have other players ruled out including Stuart Mc-Call, Gordon Durie and Alex Cleland.

Youngsters such as Greg Shields and Scott Wilson will both be included and skipper Richard Gough should be passed fit despite taking a knock

on Sunday.

The travelling party will also include Trevor Steven and Alin a McLaren. McLaren has not played a first-team game this season after knee surgery but is almost ready to return. Charlie Miller, Ian Ferguson and Derek McInnes are all in contention for midfield places.

The head of security at

Rangers has warned that a serious accident is waiting to happen unless missile-throwing thugs are stopped.

Alistair Hood, who has more than 10 years experience of dealing with crowd behaviour at Ibrox, was speaking in the wake of the latest violent act by supporters at Pittodric when Aberdeen supporters threw bottles at the Rangers club coach. Nobody was on board and no serious damage done to the bus. Aberdeen now studying video film to try to trace the culprits. The incident comes after an outbreak of coin-throwing at Stark's Park, Tynecastle and

Celtic Park in recent matches. "I am concerned that a serious injury will be sustained either inside or outside a football ground if missiles continue to be thrown," Hood said.

"It is senseless and needless but it is only a matter of time before someone is badly hurt if it carries on. People talk about closed circuit TV as a panacea for this but unless you have a camera trained on the culprit then there is very little you can vision club. It is understood that do to trace the person.

"Clubs are doing what they can but if your back is turned and somebody throws something then there is very little you to the 53-year-old Manchester can do."

Hood insists he does not detect a rise in crime in the recent past compared to 10 or 15 years ago but added: "We have to keep being vigilant and we can't take the foot off the pedal. Like the police, football clubs rely on other supporters being willing to point out these who

have done something wrong.

Hood has seen around 400 supporters at Ibrox fer various offences and insists banning fans from their homestadium

is a deterrent.
Abordeen have said they will consider that a possible pun-ishment if they can made the fans involved in the lacident.

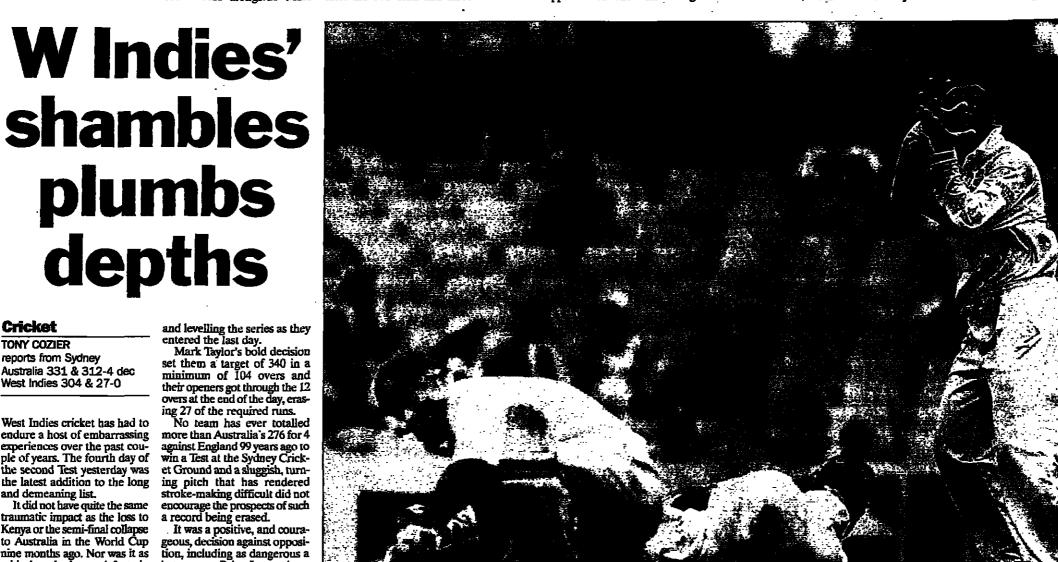
David Johnston, the general manager at Pittodrie, said yoswith the police of this and there has been no movement on

it so far.
"We are trying to gromote football yet a couple of sincless people do this. It shouldn't be people do this. It should not forgotten that we has around 20,000 fans inside the ground and not one incident in note.

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Paolo di Canin the Celtic

Paolo di Canio, the Celtic piayer, will miss a two instches after Saturday's resi card against Hearis. Di Cario is automatically suspended for tonight's night's rearrised Premier Division match at most Dunfermline at East En The Italian will also be benied when Celtic face Rand at Stark's Park on Saturden 14 December.



The Australians, Matthew Elliott (left) and Mark Waugh, scramble for safety after colliding in mid-pitch yesterday

both Australian batsmen, Matthew Elliott and Waugh, were scrambling on their hands and knees after a spectacular mid-pitch collision as they sprinted for a second run.

As both groggily scrambled to their feet, Courtney Walsh, the

rately captured by the hash captain, a modest fielder at him, Hooper chose to hurl the made of a run-out chance when the best of times, but by comball to Browne at the opposite parison with his team-mates. Learie Constantine reincarnated on the day, picked the ball up and flicked the return to

Hooper, the bowler. from the stumps and with a decision so close it needed the Waugh at his mercy in front of confirmation of the TV replay.

end. It gave the desperate Elliott, 78 and in sight of 100 in his second Test, the split-second he needed to dive and slide his bat over the crease before the No more than three yards keeper could break the stumps,

As it was, Elliott the tall lefthanded opener, tore ligaments in his right knee and had to go off. C A Wash 5-98i.
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Lee, who will remain as chair-

man, will reduce his holding from just under 30 per cent to

15.5 per cent. Control will pass

businessman, Stephen Boler, who is to buy five million unis-

sued shares to take his stake

from 13 per cent to 53 per cent.

Boler, a friend of the late for-

mer chairman, Peter Swailes.

has collected around £60m from the flotation of his company,

Limelight, and now wants to

#### THE INDEPENDENT CROSSWORD

batsman as Brian Lara, whose

previous Test match on the

ground brought him his glori-

Three times in the past

Bridgetown in 1994 and Lord's

in 1995 against England, and

Brisbane last week against Aus-

tralia - Lara has been unbeat-

en entering the final day with

similar totals as goals. All three

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hour and the West Indies lost.

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more appropriate time for him

to return to his devastating

best. His perennially touted

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Almost everyone was culpa-

more eagerly anticipated.

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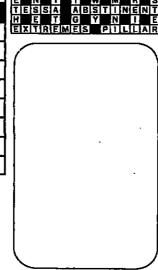
West Indies still had a glimmer ble in the West Indian shambles,

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- den (5) 27 In US money I have found motivation (9) 28 More spotted but will be comparatively piffling (8) 29 Fellow with little baggage in

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#### **Boro bid for Barcelona's Nadal**

Football

NICK DUXBURY AND GUY HODGSON

The revelation that Middles-

brough have made a bid for the Barcelona defender, Miguel Angel Nadal, and that Emerson was again back in Brazil yesterday fuelled rumours of a part-exchange deal in the off-

"We put in a bid for Nadal a couple of weeks ago but Barcelona have told us that they want to sign another centre-half before they will let him come to us." Bryan Robson, the Middlesbrough manager, said of the Spanish international Manchester United have also made three-match suspension, but strenuous efforts to sign. was given permission to fly There is a deadline in Spain for

Kevin Keegan looked as drawn

vesterday, if not quite so grey,

commercial set sometime in

the future in the St James

"Newcastle Breweries an-

nounce a man of the match at

post-mortem. Forty-eight hours

after his side's powder-puff fail-

ure against Arsène Wenger's un-

dermanned Gunners, the

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Park dressing-room.

SIMON TURNBULL

signing players of 7 December, returning to Teesside with his £5m into the struggling First Diso unless Barcelona get somewife, Andrea, to try to solve the vision club. It is understood that one in very quickly it could be difficult for us. We have put in a bid. Barcelona haven't accepted it, but we are continuing to monitor the situation."

The Spaniards want £3m for Nadal and they could offer a cash-plus-player deal for Emerson, even though Robson has repeatedly declared that the nsettled Brazilian midfielder is not for sale.

The only certainty for Boro supporters is that Emerson, who has gone missing twice in the last three weeks, will not be around to play in the Premiership match at Leicester City tonight. He has completed a home on Friday with the aim of problems the couple have been experiencing in settling here. Boro will also be without Emerson's fellow-Brazilian, Juninho, who is expected to take three weeks to recover from the ankle injury suffered in Saturday's defeat at Aston Villa.

Tottenham's patience in the pursuit of the Norwegian striker Steffen iversen has paid off with the completion of his £2.6m transfer from Rosenborg Trondheim. The 20-yearold Iversen, who has signed a take a more active role in the five-year contract, will arrive in London on Thursday to un-

Francis Lee is to surrender his position as the major shareholder of Manchester City in a

Club without joining the board.

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Albania, Belfact, 14 December): Wright (Readng), Fettic (Notington Forest: Worthington,
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(Reading), Erry (Narroy), Horbock (Swindin),
Getting for Johnstone, Millioner Mangania Reland refinancing deal that will inject Worried Keegan looks for cure

> mention the League leadership, in the last seven days. Their run of five games without a win is Newcastle's longest since the barren spell midway through the 1994-95 season that prompted keegan to sell Andy Cole and overhaul his squad. Seven defeats in all competitions (eight, if you count the Charity Shield) provides further statistical fodder for concern.

Going into December last year Newcastle had lost just once. "We haven't played as well this season," Keegan said. "I can

Tonight, Keegan finds himself

in the ironic position of needing the two players who perhaps did most on Saturday to warrant demotion. Faustino Asprilla showed in Metz and against Ferencyaros in the last round the value of the European experience he gained with appearances in the Super Cup and in the Cup-Winners' Cup final for Parma. David Ginola has played in the semi-finals of all three

night when English football's proud record of Franco-domination will also be at stake. In 36 years of conflict, only twice have English clubs been knocked out by French teams. The most recent was in 1977. And no one on Tyneside needs reminding that the blow was delivered, by Bastia, at St James' Park,

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the end of every game," Keegan said. "They said the whole team' after the Man United

match. They should have just said nobody on Saturday." The pre-match press con-ference for Newcastle United's Uefa Cup third round return leg against Metz at St James' Park tonight was as much a lingering

Keegan's boys fail again tonight they will have lost half of their Newcastle manager was clearly still afflicted by shell-shock. season's trophy targets, not to "There was a lack of pride," Keegan said. "We just didn't look as though we wanted to win that game. We spent 90 minutes

doing nothing. "I was pretty low, not because we lost and not because it was against 10 men. Those things happen. But the one thing I didn't see in my team was the one thing I put plenty of into the team: flair.

That really worried me. If I'm going to play with that type of player then they have to produce it. The boys know what they've got to do. We have to erase the memory of Saturday." There might be more than

that at stake as the crestfallen Magpies seek to exploit the 1-1 draw they gained in France a fortnight ago and secure a European quarter-final place. If

only think of two outstanding performances, against Man-chester United and Ferencvaros. The rest have been pretty run of the mill. It is worrying."

Continental club competitions, Ginola peeds to prove his

worth to his own manager on a